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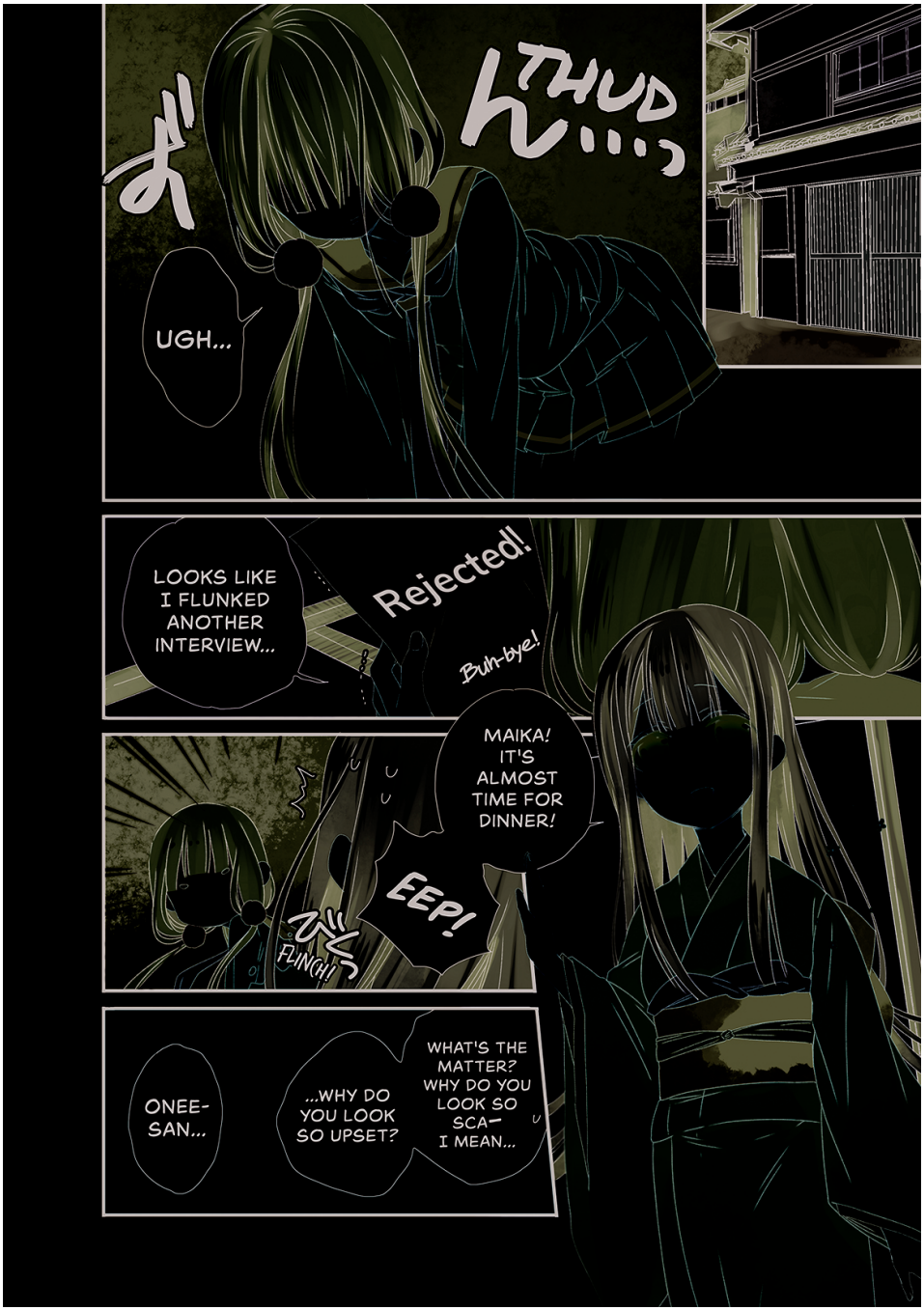
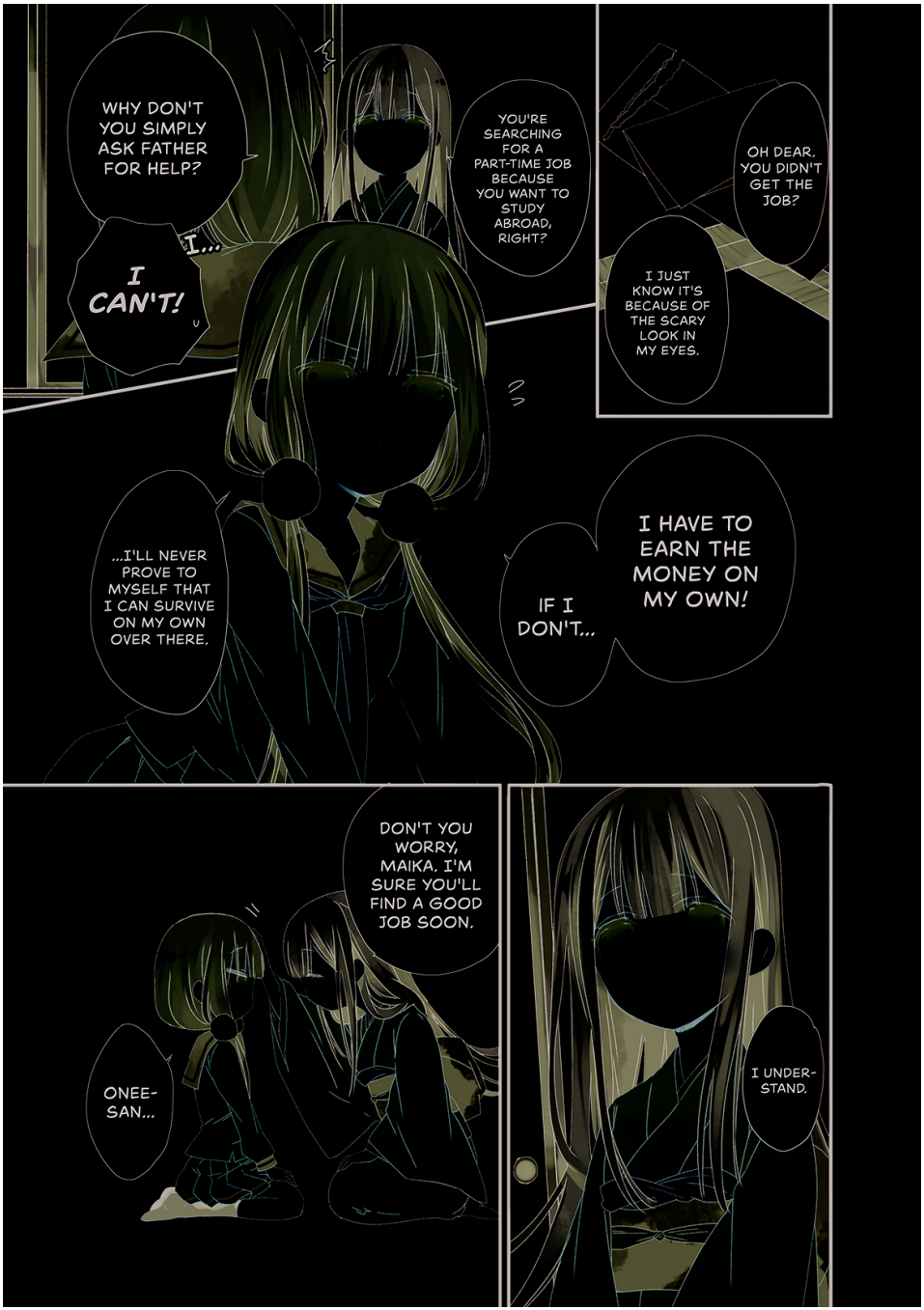
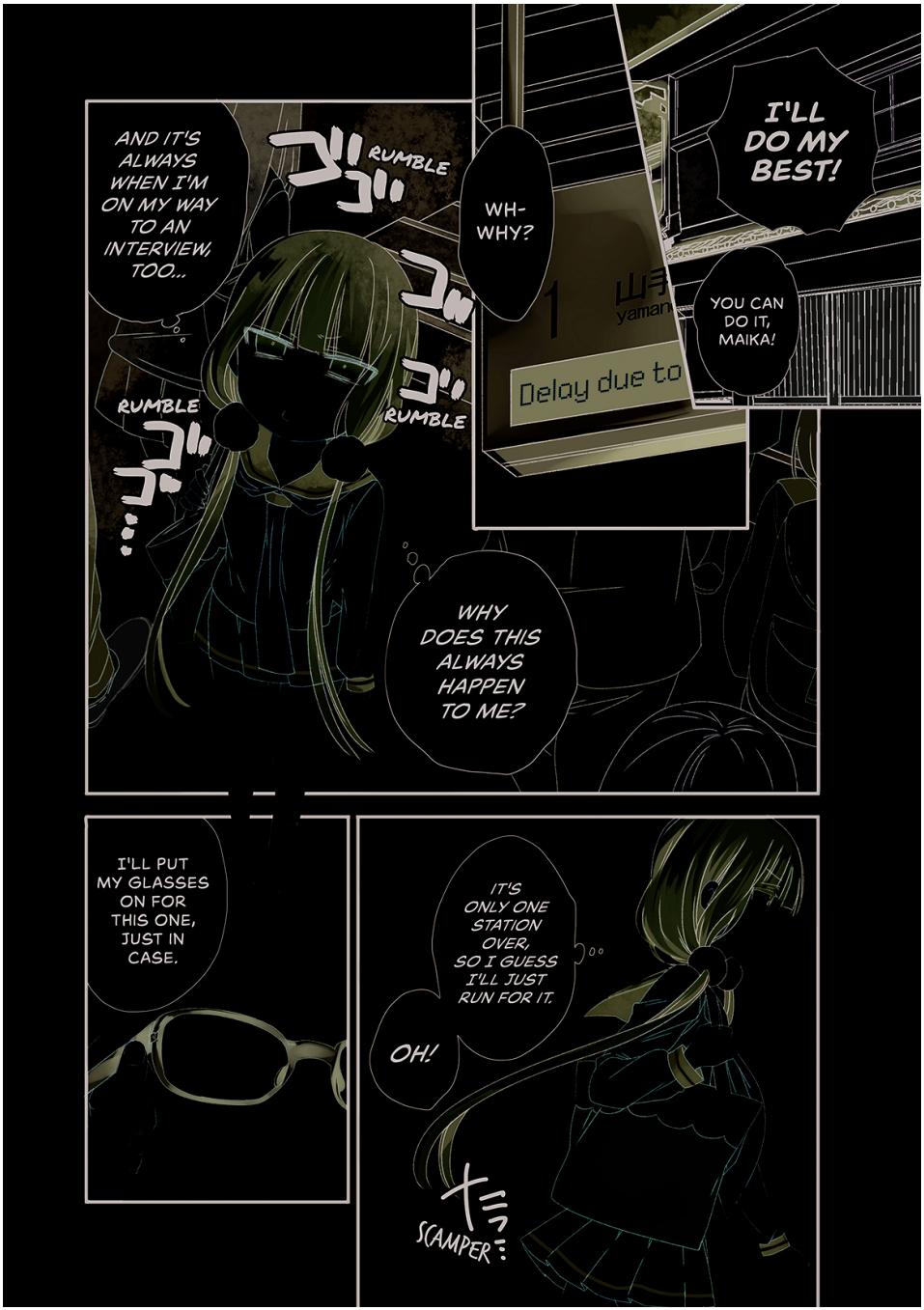
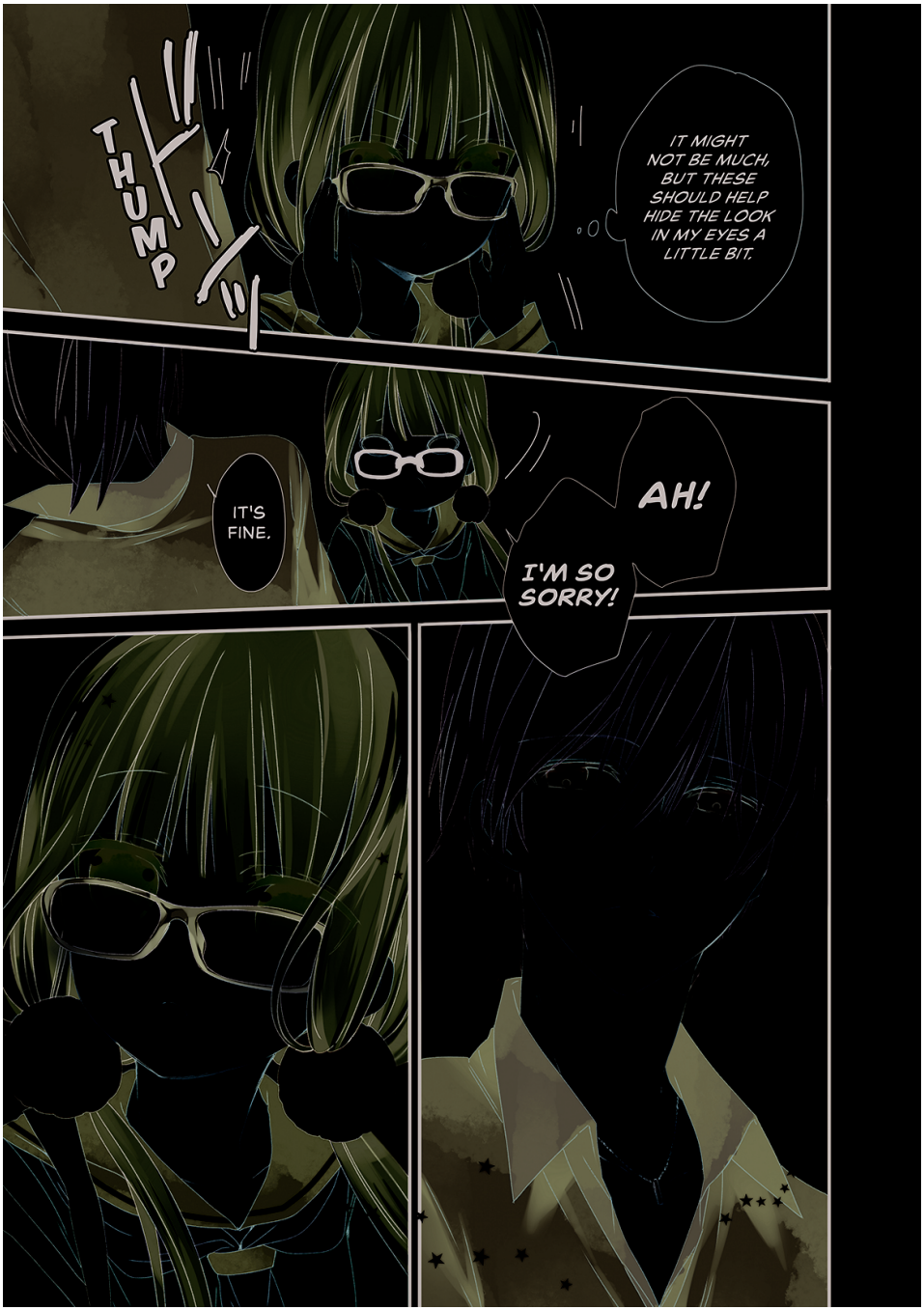

ん THUD...
UGH...
LOOKS LIKE I FLUNKED ANOTHER INTERVIEW...
Rejected!
Bun-bye!
MAIKA! IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER!
EEP!
びくっ FLINCH!
ONEE-SAN...
...WHY DO YOU LOOK SO UPSET?
WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY DO YOU LOOK SO SCA— I MEAN...


WHY DON'T YOU SIMPLY ASK FATHER FOR HELP?
I...
I CAN'T!
YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR A PART-TIME JOB BECAUSE YOU WANT TO STUDY ABROAD, RIGHT?
OH DEAR, YOU DIDN'T GET THE JOB?
I JUST KNOW IT'S BECAUSE OF THE SCARY LOOK IN MY EYES.
...I'LL NEVER PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I CAN SURVIVE ON MY OWN OVER THERE.
IF I DON'T...
I HAVE TO EARN THE MONEY ON MY OWN!
DON'T YOU WORRY, MAIKA. I'M SURE YOU'LL FIND A GOOD JOB SOON.
ONEE-SAN...
I UNDER-STAND.


AND IT'S ALWAYS WHEN I'M ON MY WAY TO AN INTERVIEW, TOO...
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO ME?
WH-WHY?
I'LL DO MY BEST!
YOU CAN DO IT, MAIKA!
Delay due to
I'LL PUT MY GLASSES ON FOR THIS ONE, JUST IN CASE.
IT'S ONLY ONE STATION OVER, SO I GUESS I'LL JUST RUN FOR IT.
OH!
SCAMPER


THUMP
IT MIGHT NOT BE MUCH, BUT THESE SHOULD HELP HIDE THE LOOK IN MY EYES A LITTLE BIT.
IT'S FINE.
AH!
I'M SO SORRY!

A GIRL WITH BLACK HAIR...
PLEASE EXCUSE ME!
THWIP
OF COURSE...
SMOOTH BLOND HAIR... HE MUST BE A FOREIGNER.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP...
Black hair really is the best!
IT LOOKS LIKE TODAY'S GONNA BE A GOOD DAY!
He was so cool!

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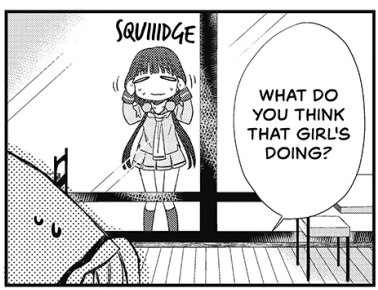
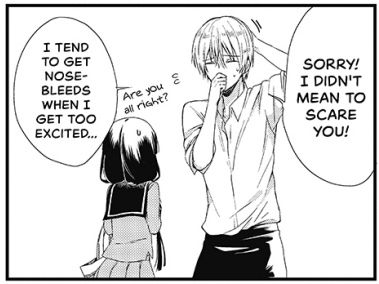
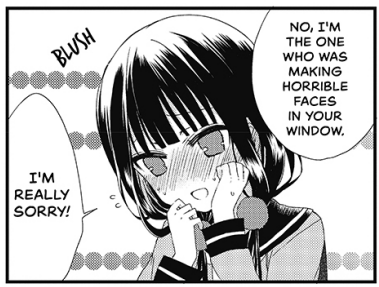



SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO SCARE YOU!
Are you all right?
I TEND TO GET NOSE-BLEEDS WHEN I GET TOO EXCITED...

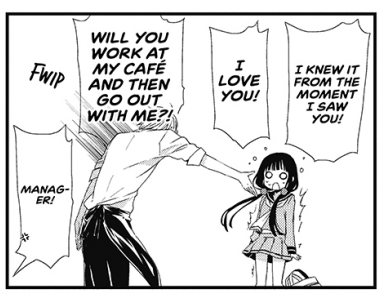
THE HELL?
MAYBE SHE DOESN'T SEE US?
SO MOE...
HUH?


NO, I'M THE ONE WHO WAS MAKING HORRIBLE FACES IN YOUR WINDOW.
BLUSH
I'M REALLY SORRY!

BANG
I'VE FOUND HER!
MY SOUL-MATE!
MANAG-ER?!

C'MON, MANAGER, YOU GOTTA CHILL OUT BEFORE YOU START TALKING.
Seri-ously?
YOU'RE RIGHT! LET ME START OVER.

THWIP
EXCUSE ME!
Maybe I should try making my eyes droopier...
HM?


I KNEW IT FROM THE MOMENT I SAW YOU!
I LOVE YOU!
WILL YOU WORK AT MY CAFÉ AND THEN GO OUT WITH ME?!
FWIP
MANAG-ER!

I LOVE YOU!
GASP
EEEEEK!
SPLURT

LET'S START BY INTRODUCING OURSELVES!
I'M HINATA KAHO, AND I'M A WAITRESS HERE! IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!

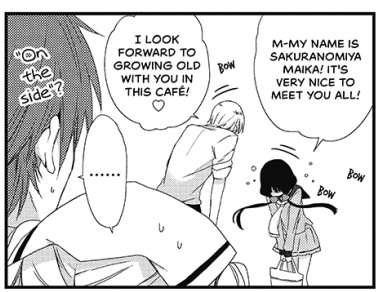
WHAT?!
YOU MEAN...
...YOU'LL LET ME WORK HERE?!

AKIZUKI KOUYOU. I WORK IN THE KITCHEN.
NICE TO MEET YOU.

YES! PLEASE SAY YOU WILL!
WOW, REALLY?! I'VE BEEN JOB HUNTING FOR SO LONG...
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU TO JOIN THE TEAM!

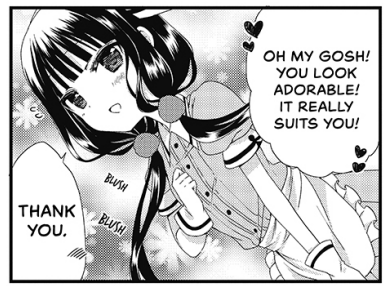
MY NAME IS DINO!
OH, AND I'M ALSO THE MANAGER ON THE SIDE!
I WORK IN THE KITCHEN TOO!

OH, BUT IT'S CUSTOMER SERVICE, RIGHT? THE THING IS, I KIND OF HAVE A MEAN LOOK IN MY EYES...
WON'T THAT MAKE THE CUSTOMERS UNCOMFORTABLE?
It's why I haven't been offered any jobs yet...


"On the side"?
I LOOK FORWARD TO GROWING OLD WITH YOU IN THIS CAFÉ! ♡
M-MY NAME IS SAKURANOMIYA MAIKA! IT'S VERY NICE TO MEET YOU ALL!
BOW
BOW
BOW
.....

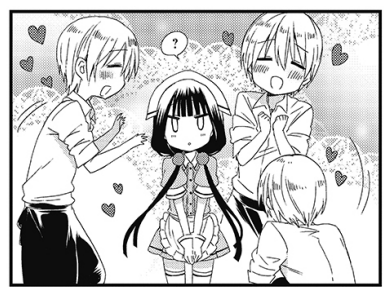
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?! I LOVE THE LOOK IN YOUR EYES!
IT SENDS SHIVERS UP MY SPINE!
SHIVERS?

I'm so nervous!
MY FIRST JOB!
I GOTTA BE CAREFUL SO I DON'T MAKE ANY MISTAKES!
BA-NUMP
BA-NUMP
BA-NUMP


OH MY GOSH! YOU LOOK ADORABLE! IT REALLY SUITS YOU!
THANK YOU.
BLUSH
BLUSH

WHAT SHOULD I DO FIRST?!
WELL, LET'S SEE, I THINK I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO...

...PLAY A SADISTIC CHARACTER!
SADIST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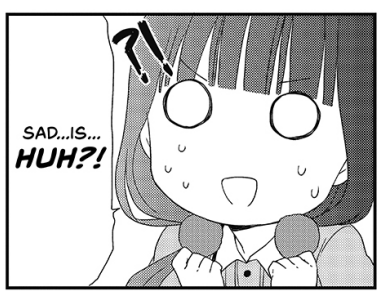
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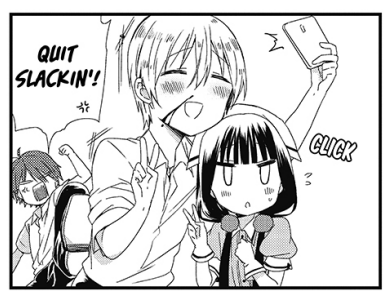
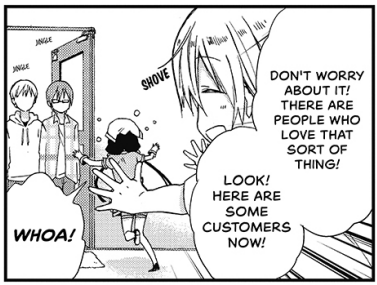
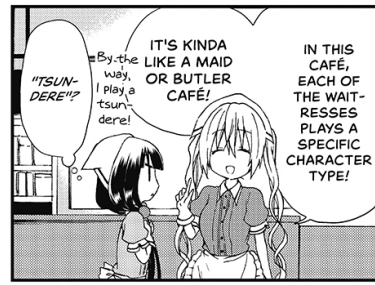
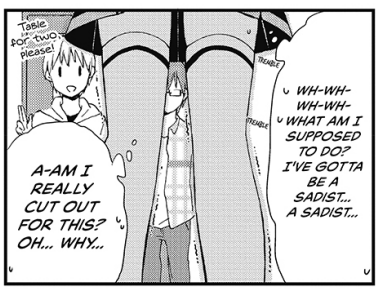
SAD...IS... HUH?!


QUIT SLACKIN'!
CLICK

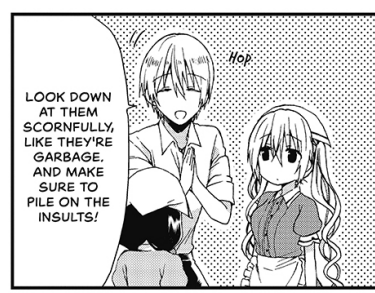

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LOVE THAT SORT OF THING!
LOOK! HERE ARE SOME CUSTOMERS NOW!
SHOVE
WHOA!

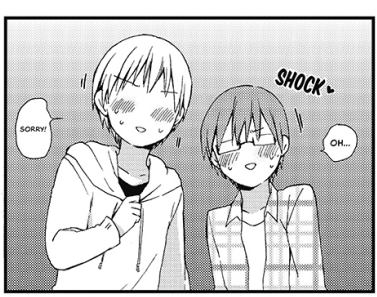

IN THIS CAFÉ, EACH OF THE WAITRESSES PLAYS A SPECIFIC CHARACTER TYPE!
IT'S KINDA LIKE A MAID OR BUTLER CAFÉ!
By the way, I play a tsundere!
"TSUNDERE"?


WH-WH-WH-WH-WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO? I'VE GOTTA BE A SADIST... A SADIST...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
Table for two please!
A-AM I REALLY CUT OUT FOR THIS? OH... WHY...

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN PLAY A SADIST, MAIKA-CHAN?
HOW EXACTLY AM I SUPPOSED TO ACT AROUND THE CUSTOMERS?

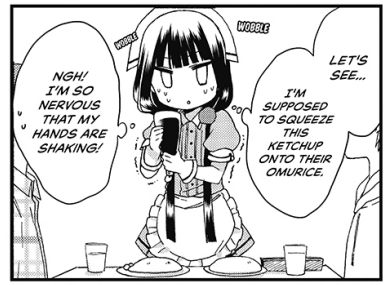
WHY DID YOU HAVE TO COME HERE?
TWITCH

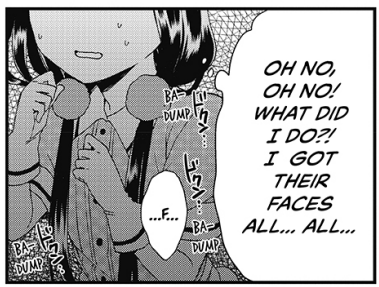

LOOK DOWN AT THEM SCORNFULLY, LIKE THEY'RE GARBAGE, AND MAKE SURE TO PILE ON THE INSULTS!
Hop


SHOCK
SORRY!
OH...

BUT THEY'RE OUR CUSTOMERS!
SHUDDER

UH-OH! THINK I SHOULD GO GIVE HER A HAND?
NAH. SHE'LL BE FINE.

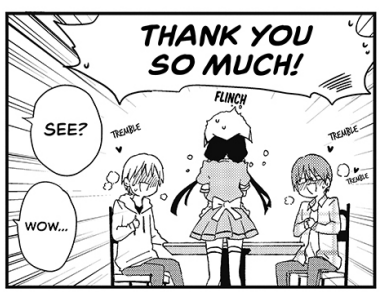

LET'S SEE...
I'M SUPPOSED TO SQUEEZE THIS KETCHUP ONTO THEIR OMURICE.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
NGH! I'M SO NERVOUS THAT MY HANDS ARE SHAKING!

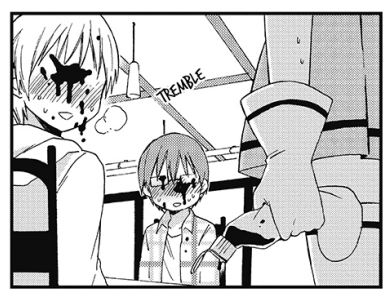

OH NO, OH NO! WHAT DID I DO?! I GOT THEIR FACES ALL... ALL...
BA-DUMP
...F...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

SQUIRT
SQUEEZE

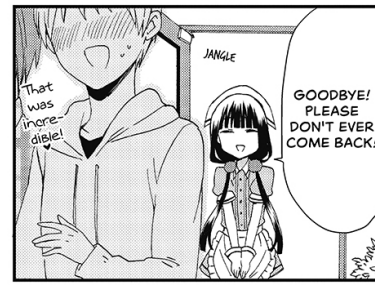
...F...
WHISPER
...FILTHY

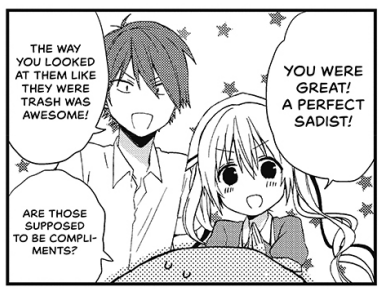
A look of regret


THANK YOU SO MUCH!
FLINCH
SEE?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
WOW...


TREMBLE

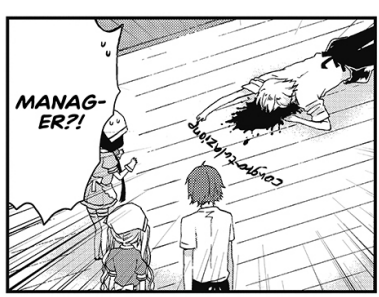
YOU DON'T THINK I MADE THE CUSTOMERS MAD, DO YOU?!
W-W-WAS THAT OKAY?!
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL

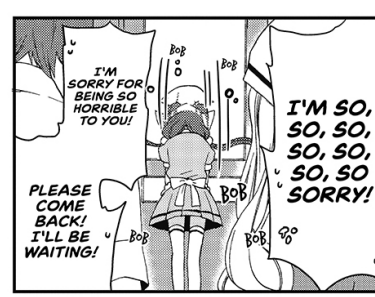

That was inore-dible!
JANGLE
GOODBYE! PLEASE DON'T EVER COME BACK!


THE WAY YOU LOOKED AT THEM LIKE THEY WERE TRASH WAS AWESOME!
YOU WERE GREAT! A PERFECT SADIST!
ARE THOSE SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLI-MENTS?

SLAM

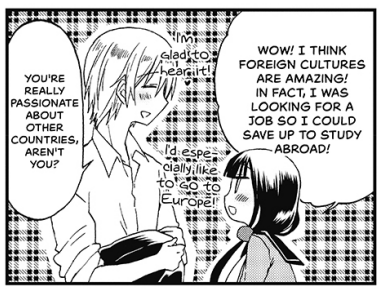
THERE'S YOUR PROOF RIGHT THERE.

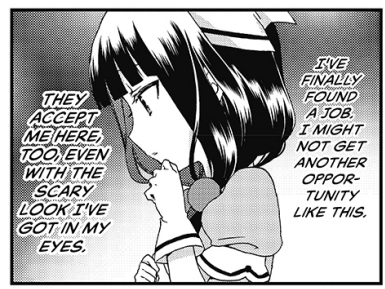

MANAG-ER?!
CONGRATULATIONS


I'M SORRY FOR BEING SO HORRIBLE TO YOU!
BOB
BOB
I'M SO, SO, SO, SO, SO, SO, SO SORRY!
PLEASE COME BACK! I'LL BE WAITING!
BOB
BOB
BOB

ARE YOU FROM OVERSEAS, MANAGER?
UM...
Sì
I'M FROM ITALY!
I was just wondering...

SO, HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY WORKING WITH US? I KNOW THIS ISN'T EXACTLY A NORMAL CAFÉ.
IF YOU DIDN'T LIKE IT, I WON'T FORCE YOU TO STAY...

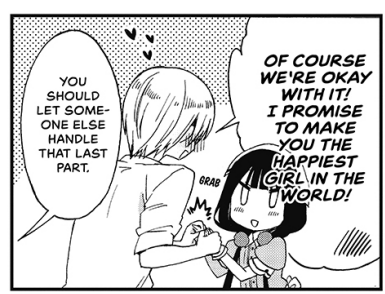

WOW! I THINK FOREIGN CULTURES ARE AMAZING! IN FACT, I WAS LOOKING FOR A JOB SO I COULD SAVE UP TO STUDY ABROAD!
I'm glad to hear it!
YOU'RE REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES, AREN'T YOU?
I'd especially like to go to Europe!


I'VE FINALLY FOUND A JOB. I MIGHT NOT GET ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY LIKE THIS.
THEY ACCEPT ME HERE, TOO, EVEN WITH THE SCARY LOOK I'VE GOT IN MY EYES.

YES!
I LOVE THEM!

U-UM... I DON'T KNOW HOW GOOD I'LL BE AT THE JOB, BUT...
...I PROMISE I'LL DO MY BEST! SO IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH IT, I'D LOVE TO WORK HERE!

I love...
SHE SAID "THEM," NOT "YOU."


OF COURSE WE'RE OKAY WITH IT! I PROMISE TO MAKE YOU THE HAPPIEST GIRL IN THE WORLD!
GRAB
YOU SHOULD LET SOMEONE ELSE HANDLE THAT LAST PART.

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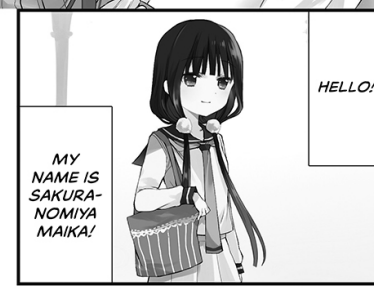
JINGLE
JINGLE
GOOD MORNING!
I'M GOING TO GIVE IT MY ALL TODAY!


HELLO!
MY NAME IS SAKURA-NOMIYA MAIKA!

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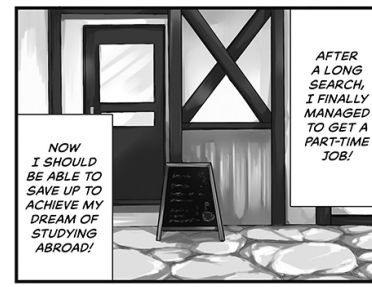
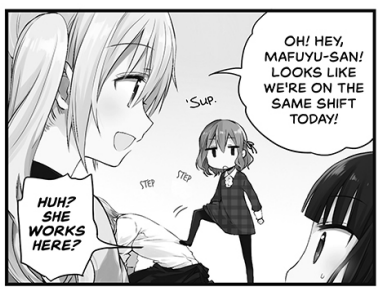
PERCH
のしっ
Eep!


AFTER A LONG SEARCH, I FINALLY MANAGED TO GET A PART-TIME JOB!
NOW I SHOULD BE ABLE TO SAVE UP TO ACHIEVE MY DREAM OF STUDYING ABROAD!

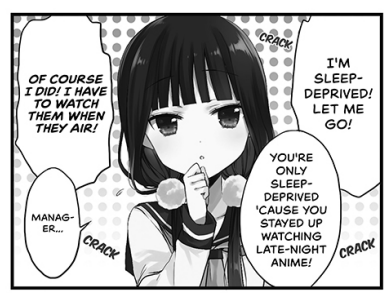
GOOD MORNING, KAHO-SAN!
Ouch! Ow!
SMACK
SMACK
MORNING, MAIKA-CHAN!
CRACK
C'mon Wake up.
CRACK
CRACK

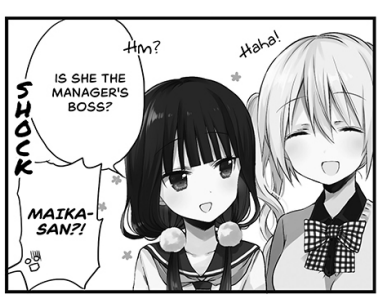
SAVE ME, MAIKA-SAAAN! I'M BEING BULLIED!
MANAGER? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

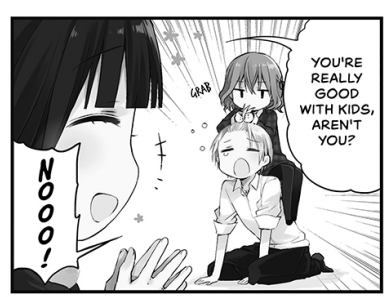

OH! HEY, MAFUYU-SAN! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ON THE SAME SHIFT TODAY!
'Sup.
STEP
STEP
HUH? SHE WORKS HERE?

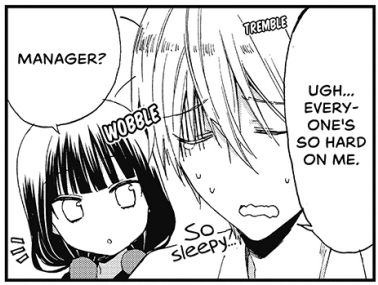
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
SMACK
IT'S WHAT YOU DESERVE FOR SLEEP-ING ON THE CLOCK!

Yes, ma'am!
Get up already.


CRACK
OF COURSE I DID! I HAVE TO WATCH THEM WHEN THEY AIR!
I'M SLEEP-DEPRIVED! LET ME GO!
YOU'RE ONLY SLEEP-DEPRIVED 'CAUSE YOU STAYED UP WATCHING LATE-NIGHT ANIME!
MANAG-ER...
CRACK
CRACK


Hm?
Haha!
IS SHE THE MANAGER'S BOSS?
SHOCK
MAIKA-SAN?!


YOU'RE REALLY GOOD WITH KIDS, AREN'T YOU?
GRAB
NOOO!

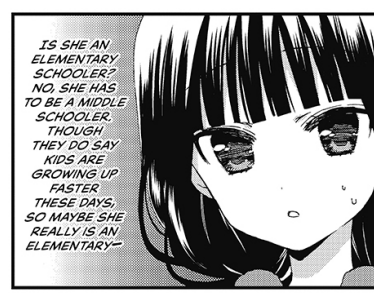

MANAGER?
TREMBLE
WOBBLE
UGH... EVERY-ONE'S SO HARD ON ME.
SO sleepy...

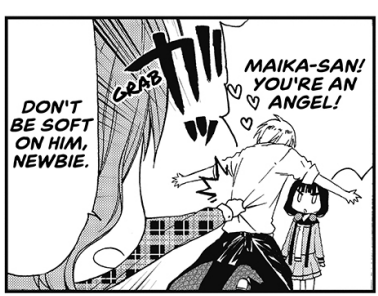
YUP.
YOU MUST BE THE NEW GIRL.
YOU'RE A WAITRESS HERE TOO?!

THERE'S STILL A LITTLE TIME BEFORE THE CAFÉ OPENS.
MAIKA-SAN...
IF YOU'RE SLEEPY, WHY NOT GO TAKE A NAP?

I'M HOSHI-KAWA MAFUYU.
NICE TO MEET YOU.

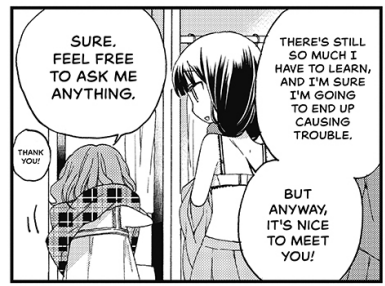
I'll go out and get you an energy drink later!
I'LL COME WAKE YOU WHEN IT'S TIME TO OPEN, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT A THING!
IT WOULDN'T BE GOOD IF YOU PUSHED YOURSELF TOO HARD AND ENDED UP COLLAPSING!


IS SHE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOLER? NO, SHE HAS TO BE A MIDDLE SCHOOLER. THOUGH THEY DO SAY KIDS ARE GROWING UP FASTER THESE DAYS, SO MAYBE SHE REALLY IS AN ELEMENTARY—


DON'T BE SOFT ON HIM, NEWBIE.
GRAB
MAIKA-SAN! YOU'RE AN ANGEL!

I'M IN COLLEGE.
SMACK
EEK!
I could more or less tell what was going through your head.

Yeah!
OKAY! TIME TO GET TO WORK!

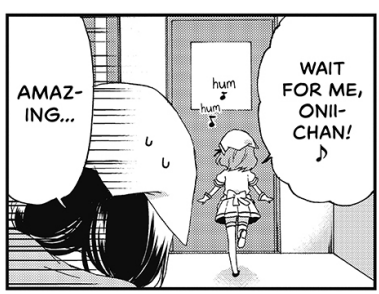

THERE'S STILL SO MUCH I HAVE TO LEARN, AND I'M SURE I'M GOING TO END UP CAUSING TROUBLE.
SURE. FEEL FREE TO ASK ME ANYTHING.
THANK YOU!
BUT ANYWAY, IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU!

WORK MODE ACTIVATED.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF CHARACTER MAFUYU-SAN PLAYS.
SMACK
SMACK
SMACK

GUESS YOU HAVE TWO LITTLE SISTERS NOW, MAFUYU-SAN!
"LITTLE SISTERS"?

OKIE! IT'S TIME TO WELCOME ALL MY WONDERFUL ONII-CHANS TO THE CAFÉ! ☆
HUH?!

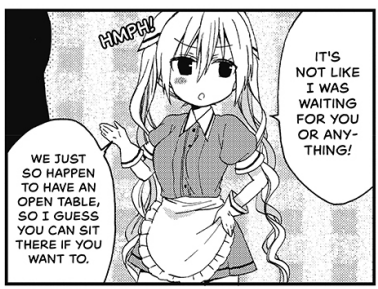
She loves kids and cute things!
17 years old
16 years old
MAFUYU-SAN SAID SHE'S ALWAYS WANTED A LITTLE SISTER!
SO WE'RE LIKE HER LITTLE SISTERS, BECAUSE WE'RE YOUNGER?


WAIT FOR ME, ONII-CHAN! ♪
hum
hum
AMAZ-ING...

I DON'T WANT A LITTLE SISTER WHO'S BIG IN ALL THE WRONG PLACES LIKE YOU ARE.
Come Back as a loli and we'll talk
Owie!
Owie!
QUIT IT! YOU'RE EMBAR-RASSING ME!
SMACK

YAAAY! WELCOME BACK, ONII-CHAN!
I missed you!
COME ON OVER HERE!

I SHOULD FOLLOW HER EXAMPLE!
SNIFF
SNIFF
SNIFF
I NEED TO GET INTO CHARACTER.

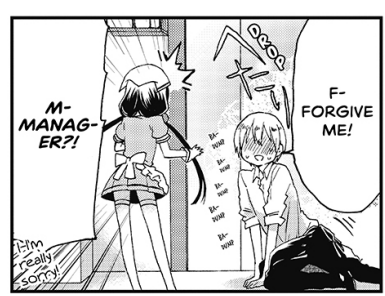

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS WAITING FOR YOU OR ANY-THING!
HMPH!
WE JUST SO HAPPEN TO HAVE AN OPEN TABLE, SO I GUESS YOU CAN SIT THERE IF YOU WANT TO.

AH!
MAIKA-SAN!
FLIP
BEFORE YOU GO OUT THERE, COULD YOU REFILL THE WHIPPED CREAM?

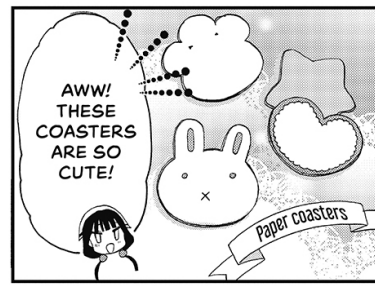
YOU ACTUALLY CAME BACK, HUH?
Grr...
PLEASE JUST KEEP QUIET AND SIT SOME-WHERE OUT OF THE WAY.

HUH?
DON'T BARK AT ME, YOU MUTT.

THINGS HAVE REALLY GOTTEN LIVELY AROUND HERE!
I THINK WE COULD STAND TO TREAT OUR CUSTOMERS A LITTLE BETTER, PERSO-NALLY.


F-FORGIVE ME!
M-MANAG-ER?!
Ba-bump
Ba-bump
Ba-bump
Ba-bump
Ba-bump
I'm really sorry!

TREMBLE
TREMBLE
I'M ALWAYS AFRAID THAT I'M MAKING THEM FEEL UNCOMFORTABLE.
I STILL CAN'T BELIEVE PEOPLE REALLY WANT ME TO TREAT THEM THIS WAY, THOUGH.
BA-WAP
BA-WAP

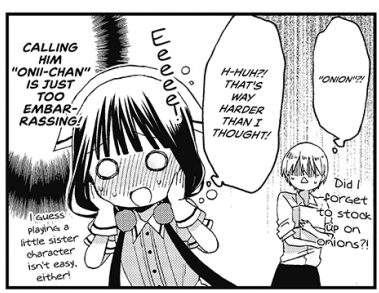

AWW! THESE COASTERS ARE SO CUTE!
Paper coasters

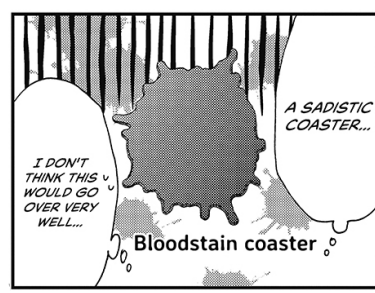
MAYBE I'D BE MORE SUITED TO PLAYING A LITTLE SISTER CHARACTER LIKE MAFUYU-SAN.
STEP

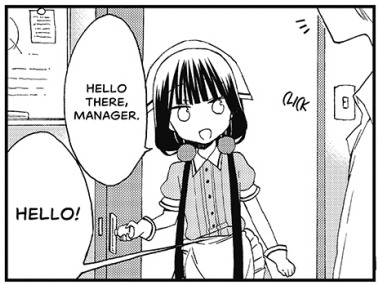
MM-HMM! I MAKE THEM SPECIAL FOR ALL OF MY WONDERFUL ONII-CHANS.
DO YOU MAKE THESE YOURSELF, MAFUYU-SAN?
CLINK
They're special free blesl

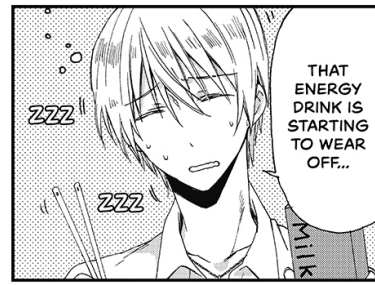
UM...
O... ONI...I...
ONI... O...NI...
oni...

I WONDER IF I CAN DO THAT WITH MY CHARACTER.
SHE PLAYS HER CHARACTER SO WELL, RIGHT DOWN TO THE SMALLEST DETAILS!


CALLING HIM "ONII-CHAN" IS JUST TOO EMBARRASSING!
Eeeee
H-HUH?! THAT'S WAY HARDER THAN I THOUGHT!
"ONION"?!
Did I forget to stock up on onions?!
I guess playing a little sister character isn't easy, either!


A SADISTIC COASTER...
I DON'T THINK THIS WOULD GO OVER VERY WELL...
Bloodstain coaster


HELLO THERE, MANAGER.
CLICK
HELLO!


ZZZ
ZZZ
THAT ENERGY DRINK IS STARTING TO WEAR OFF...
Milk

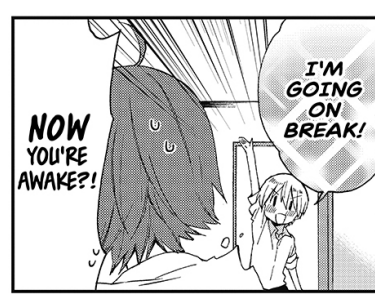
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
IT'S A PHOTO I TOOK FROM BEFORE I CAME TO JAPAN!

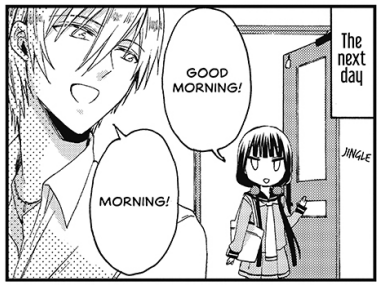
SNAP OUT OF IT! YOU'RE GONNA BURN YOURSELF IF YOU FALL ASLEEP WHILE YOU'RE COOKING!
YEAH, YEAH...
SIZZLE
SIZZLE

WOW! A PHOTO TAKEN ABROAD...

SAKURA-NOMIYA GOES ON BREAK PRETTY SOON. WHY DON'T YOU TAKE ONE TOO?
CLICK
WELL, I GUESS BUSINESS IS KINDA SLOW RIGHT NOW.
HISS

I SAW NOTHING! I SAW NOTHING! I SWEAR I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING! I'M SO SORRY!
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
FLAIL
I...
I...
I...

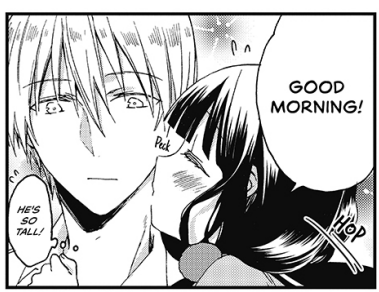

NOW YOU'RE AWAKE?!
I'M GOING ON BREAK!


The next day
GOOD MORNING!
MORNING!
JINGLE

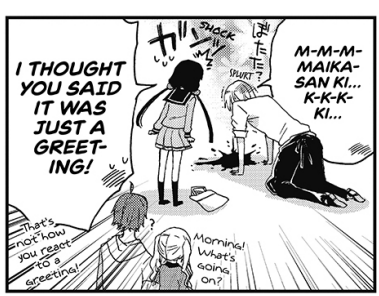
THIS IS JUST A GREETING. THIS WOMAN IS MY AUNT.
OH, OF COURSE! IT WAS TAKEN ABROAD, AFTER ALL!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT! THE MANAGER IS A FOREIGNER!

WELL, IT'S JUST THAT WE DON'T DO THAT IN JAPAN, SO...
Hehe
YOU'RE SO INNOCENT AND CUTE, MAIKA-SAN ♡
Oopsie!


GOOD MORNING!
Pat
HE'S SO TALL!
Hop

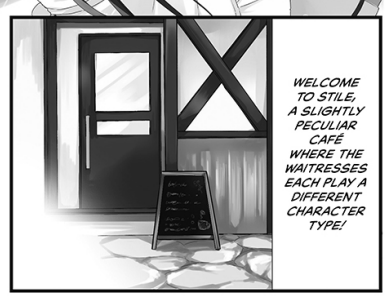
YOU'LL BE GREETED LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE STUDYING ABROAD.
ALL THE TIME? REALLY?
YOU SHOULD TRY TO GET USED TO IT AS SOON AS YOU CAN!

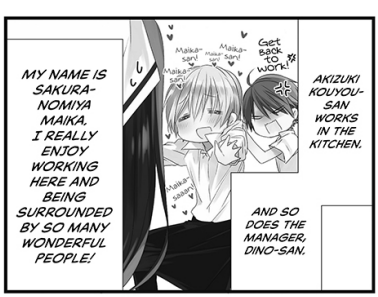

I THOUGHT YOU SAID IT WAS JUST A GREETING!
SMACK
SPLURT
M-M-M-MAIKA-SAN KI... K-K-K-KI...
That's not how you react to a greeting!
Morning! What's going on?

SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD REALLY SLOW YOU DOWN IF YOU WERE IN A HURRY.
Hmm
She's taking this so seriously!
I'm gonna be late everywhere!
YEAH...

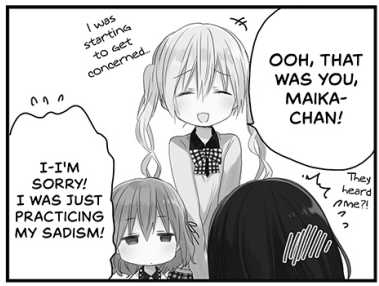
BLEND·S
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

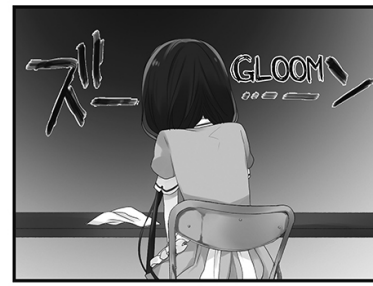
HOSHIKAWA MAFUYU-SAN PLAYS A LITTLE SISTER.
Welcome
Onii-chan


WELCOME TO STILE, A SLIGHTLY PECULIAR CAFÉ WHERE THE WAITRESSES EACH PLAY A DIFFERENT CHARACTER TYPE!

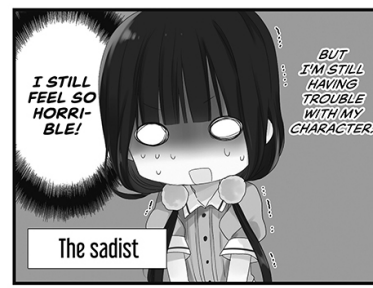

MY NAME IS SAKURA-NOMIYA MAIKA. I REALLY ENJOY WORKING HERE AND BEING SURROUNDED BY SO MANY WONDERFUL PEOPLE!
Maika-san!
Maika-san!
Maika-san!
Maika-san!
Maika-aaaaa!
Get back to work!
AKIZUKI KOUYOU-SAN WORKS IN THE KITCHEN.
AND SO DOES THE MANAGER, DINO-SAN.

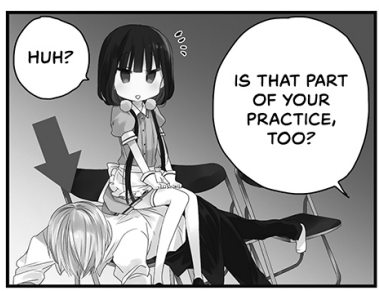
Hmph!
It's not like I was hoping to see you or anything!
HINATA KAHO-SAN PLAYS A TSUNDERE.

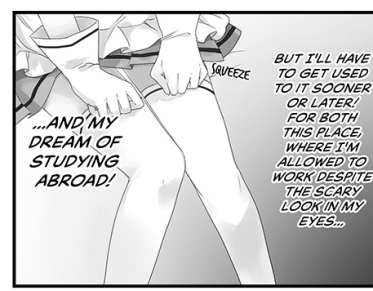

I was starting to get concerned.
OOH, THAT WAS YOU, MAIKA-CHAN!
I-I'M SORRY! I WAS JUST PRACTICING MY SADISM!
They heard me?!


GLOOM

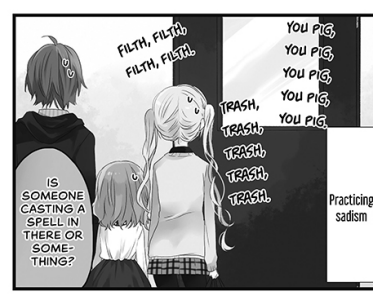
SO...
GLANCE

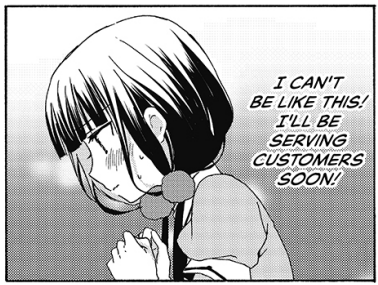

I STILL FEEL SO HORRI-BLE!
BUT I'M STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH MY CHARACTER.
The sadist


HUH?
IS THAT PART OF YOUR PRACTICE, TOO?

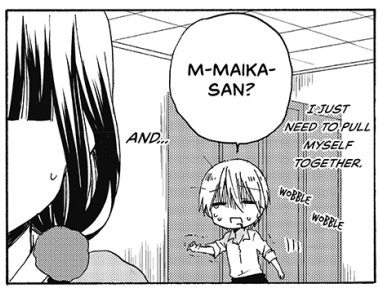

...AND MY DREAM OF STUDYING ABROAD!
SQUEEZE
BUT I'LL HAVE TO GET USED TO IT SOONER OR LATER! FOR BOTH THIS PLACE, WHERE I'M ALLOWED TO WORK DESPITE THE SCARY LOOK IN MY EYES...

I WAS HAVING THE MOST WONDERFUL DREAM...
YOU WERE ASLEEP?!
SPRING
EEEEK! MANAG-ER?!


IS SOMEONE CASTING A SPELL IN THERE OR SOME-THING?
FILTH, FILTH, FILTH, FILTH.
TRASH, TRASH, TRASH, TRASH, TRASH.
YOU PIG, YOU PIG, YOU PIG, YOU PIG, YOU PIG.
Practicing sadism


I CAN'T BE LIKE THIS! I'LL BE SERVING CUSTOMERS SOON!

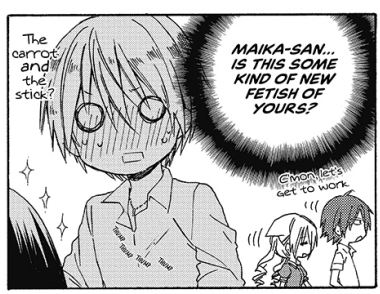
I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
FWIP
FWIP
FWIP
THAT'S OKAY...


M-MAIKA-SAN?
AND...
I JUST NEED TO PULL MYSELF TOGETHER.
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

You were up late watching anime again, weren't you?
Seriously! Manager!
AAAHHHHH! IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW DISTRACTED I WAS, HOW COULD I HAVE DONE SOMETHING SO RUDE AND EMBARRASSING?!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I MADE SUCH A HUGE MISTAKE! I WISH... I WISH...

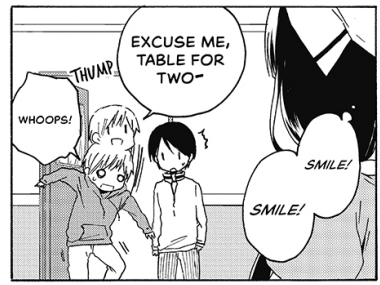
TWIRL
SMILE!
I'LL DO MY BEST AGAIN TODAY!

MANAGER.
I WISH YOU'D NEVER WOKEN UP.


The carrot and the stick?
MAIKA-SAN... IS THIS SOME KIND OF NEW FETISH OF YOURS?
C'mon! let's get to work.
TAUK TAUK TAUK TAUK

AHHH
?!
ACK

Heh
SMILE!
SMIRK
SORRY, COULD YOU REPEAT YOUR ORDER?

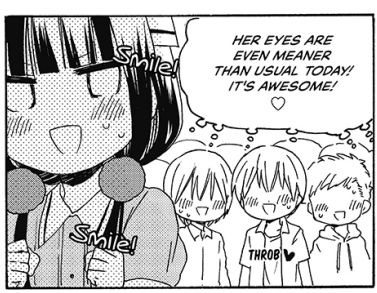

EXCUSE ME, TABLE FOR TWO-
THUMP
WHOOPS!
SMILE!
SMILE!

HUH?
SMIRK
YOU WANT THAT WITHOUT PICKLES?
Ha
SMILE!

Dumb-ass!
I tripped on the step!
Awkward! Haha!
ARE...

SMILE!
OH.
YOU WERE HERE YESTERDAY, TOO, WEREN'T YOU?
Pfft

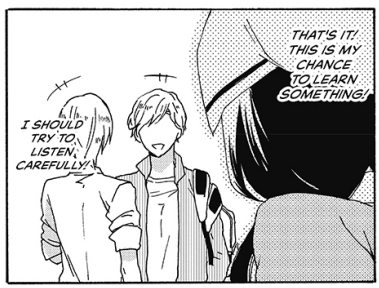
Heh
SMIRK
ARE YOU OKAY?
SMILE!

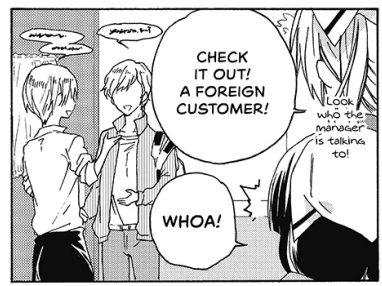

Smile!
HER EYES ARE EVEN MEANER THAN USUAL TODAY! IT'S AWESOME!
Smile!
THROB

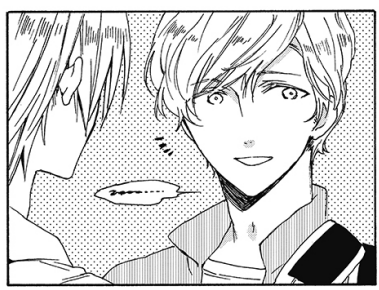
YEAH...
GULP

I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK ENGLISH THAT WELL SOMEDAY!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
REAL LIVE ENGLISH!

HEY, MAIKA-CHAN! OVER HERE!


I SHOULD TRY TO LISTEN CAREFULLY!
THAT'S IT! THIS IS MY CHANCE TO LEARN SOMETHING!

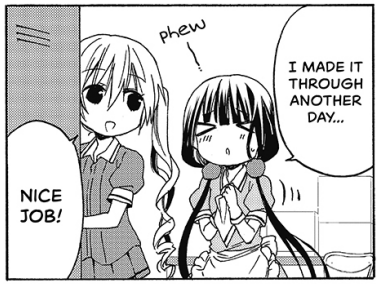

CHECK IT OUT! A FOREIGN CUSTOMER!
Look who the manager is talking to!
WHOA!



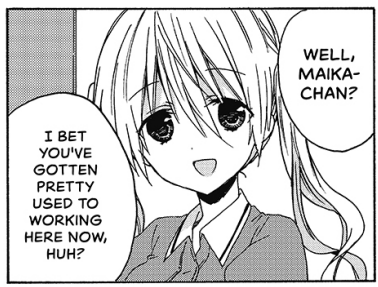
HAHA...

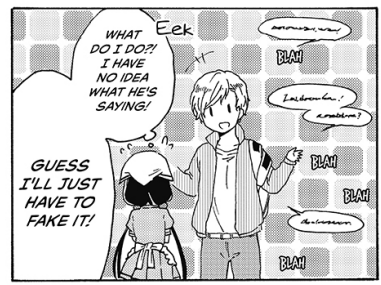
EEP!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
?

Y'KNOW...
WHEN HE'S SPEAKING ENGLISH, HE ALMOST SEEMS LIKE A FUNCTIONAL HUMAN BEING.


phew
I MADE IT THROUGH ANOTHER DAY...
NICE JOB!

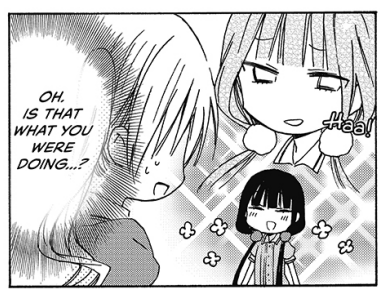
WOW! A JAPANESE GIRL WITH STRAIGHT, DARK HAIR!
WAH...
WAH...


WELL, MAIKA-CHAN?
I BET YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY USED TO WORKING HERE NOW, HUH?

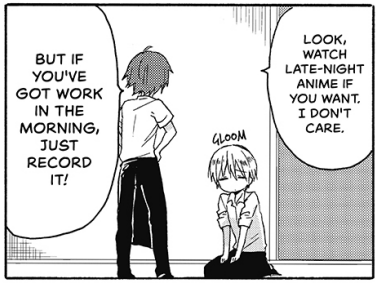

Eek
WHAT DO I DO?! I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'S SAYING!
GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO FAKE IT!
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH

YES!
TURNS OUT THE CUSTOMERS REALLY LOVE IT WHEN I SMILE WHILE I SERVE THEM!

HUH?!
HAA
Translation: Uh-huh.


OH. IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE DOING...?
Ha-ha!

SHIVER
Oh...
WHAT A SADIST!

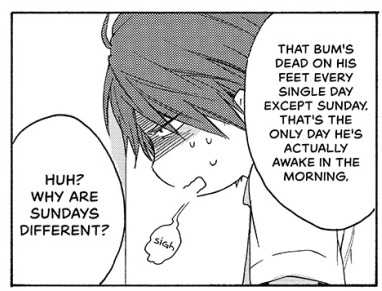

BUT IF YOU'VE GOT WORK IN THE MORNING, JUST RECORD IT!
LOOK, WATCH LATE-NIGHT ANIME IF YOU WANT. I DON'T CARE.
GLOOM

SIGH
IT'D BE GREAT IF WE COULD GET AN EXTRA GUY FOR THE KITCHEN.
We're done in the changing room.
AKIZUKI-SAN?

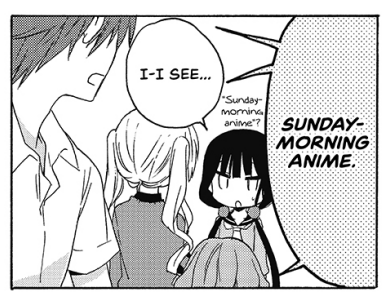
YOU BEING HALF-ASLEEP IN THE KITCHEN ISN'T JUST A PAIN, IT'S DANGEROUS!
I'M SORRY...

IT'S TOUGH DOING EVERYTHING BY MYSELF.
DOESN'T THE MANAGER WORK IN THE KITCHEN WITH YOU?

WAIT, DID I ACTUALLY GET THROUGH TO HIM?
I UNDER-STAND.
FROM NOW ON...


THAT BUM'S DEAD ON HIS FEET EVERY SINGLE DAY EXCEPT SUNDAY. THAT'S THE ONLY DAY HE'S ACTUALLY AWAKE IN THE MORNING.
HUH? WHY ARE SUNDAYS DIFFERENT?
sigh

GLINT
...I'LL SLEEP IN THE BREAK ROOM!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GO DIE IN THERE INSTEAD?!

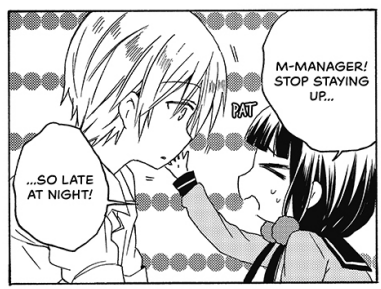

I-I SEE...
"Sunday-morning anime"?
SUNDAY-MORNING ANIME.

He's ticking me off!
FOR CRYING OUT LOUD! SAKURANOMIYA, PUNCH HIM AS HARD AS YOU CAN!
WHAT?!

YOU GO TALK TO HIM TOO, MAIKA.
He'll probably listen to you.
ME?!

BUT IF IT'LL HELP HIM...
"P-PUNCH HIM"?! I-I COULDN'T...

MANAGER.
IT'S NOT GOOD FOR YOU TO STAY UP LATE AT NIGHT.


M-MANAGER! STOP STAYING UP...
PAT
...SO LATE AT NIGHT!

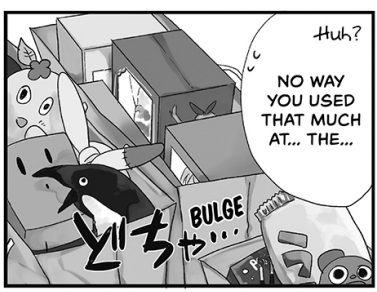
IT CAN LEAD TO AN EARLY DEATH.
AKIZUKI-SAN IS TELLING YOU ALL THIS STUFF BECAUSE HE'S WORRIED ABOUT YOUR HEALTH. I THINK YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO HIM.

A ONE-HIT KO...
GUSH
GUSH
GUSH
TWITCH
TWITCH
U-UM...

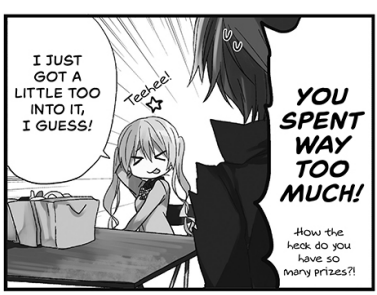
MAIKA-SAN... ARE YOU REALLY THAT WORRIED ABOUT ME?
I GIVE UP.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP

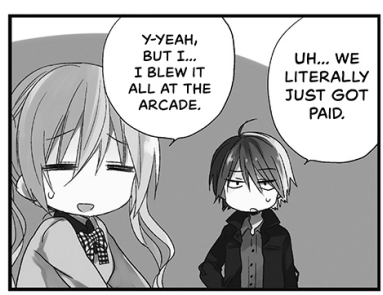
I need tissues!
I need tissues!

BLEND·S
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA
Blend.S

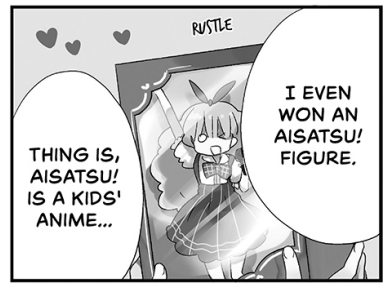

Huh?
NO WAY YOU USED THAT MUCH AT... THE...
BULGE

I don't want a used or digital copy! I want a brand-new one!
WHAT AM I GONNA DOOO?! I'M SO BROOKE!
THAT NEW GAME COMES OUT THIS MONTH, BUT I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY!


I JUST GOT A LITTLE TOO INTO IT, I GUESS!
Teehee!
YOU SPENT WAY TOO MUCH!
How the heck do you have so many prizes?!


Y-YEAH, BUT I... I BLEW IT ALL AT THE ARCADE.
UH... WE LITERALLY JUST GOT PAID.

Morning!
OH! HEY, MAIKA-CHAN!
It's time for rock paper scissors!
Rock Paper
GOOD MORNING!


RUSTLE
I EVEN WON AN AISATSU! FIGURE.
THING IS, AISATSU! IS A KIDS' ANIME...

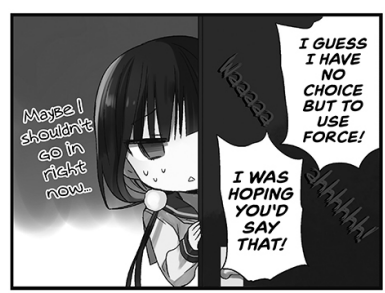
I won a lot at the arcade!
IF YOU SEE ANYTHING YOU LIKE, IT'S ALL YOURS!
RUMMAGE
Scissors...
WOW! YOU WON SO MUCH STUFF!

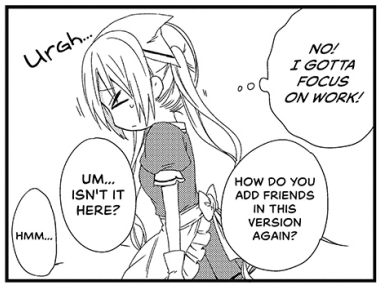
A FIGURE?!
I'M NOT SURE WHETHER TO GIVE IT TO THE MANAGER OR TO MAFUYU-SAN.
CLANG
FROM AISATSU!?!

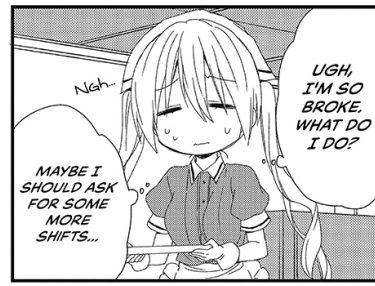
YOU MUST BE REALLY GOOD AT GAMES TO GET SO MANY OF THE PRIZES YOU WANTED!
Ugh

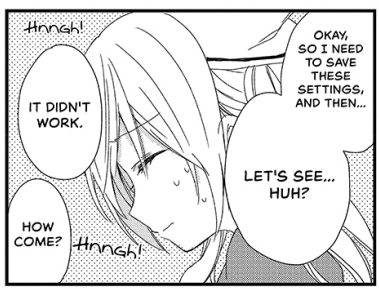
I'M NOT ABOUT TO LET A GIRL FROM A KIDS' ANIME FALL INTO THE FILTHY HANDS OF A MAN WHOSE WAIFUS ARE AS SEASONAL AS HIS ANIME!
EVEN IF I'M UP AGAINST MAFUYU-SAN, I WON'T REST UNTIL THAT FIGURE IS MINE!

Teehee!
IT'S MORE LIKE I CAN'T BACK DOWN FROM A CHALLENGE!
NAH, IT'S NOT LIKE I REALLY WANTED THESE OR ANYTHING.
HUH?

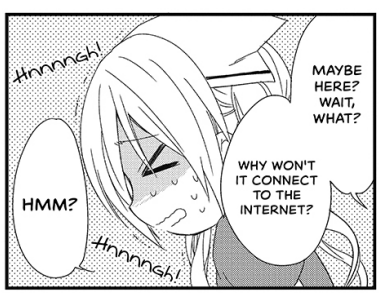

Maybe I shouldn't go in right now...
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE FORCE!
I WAS HOPING YOU'D SAY THAT!


Urgh...
NO! I GOTTA FOCUS ON WORK!
UM... ISN'T IT HERE?
HOW DO YOU ADD FRIENDS IN THIS VERSION AGAIN?
HMM...

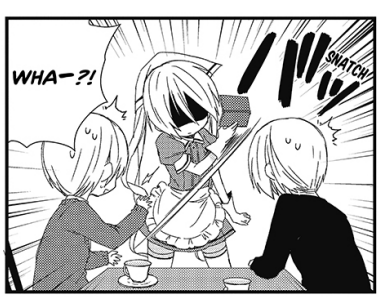

UGH, I'M SO BROKE, WHAT DO I DO?
Ugh...
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK FOR SOME MORE SHIFTS...


OKAY, SO I NEED TO SAVE THESE SETTINGS, AND THEN...
Hnngh!
IT DIDN'T WORK.
LET'S SEE... HUH?
HOW COME?
Hnngh!

I FINALLY GOT MY HANDS ON THAT NEW RELEASE!
FWIP
YOU MEAN THAT MONSTER HUNTING GAME, RIGHT?
"MONSTER HUNTING"?!


MAYBE HERE? WAIT, WHAT?
Hnnnngh!
WHY WON'T IT CONNECT TO THE INTERNET?
HMM?
Hnnnngh!

IT'S REALLY POPULAR RIGHT NOW, RIGHT?
STARE
I RACKED UP FIVE HUNDRED HOURS ON THE LAST ONE.
YEAH, 'CAUSE IT'S A SUPER-GOOD GAME!
ME TOO! ME TOO!
PLUS...
AH!

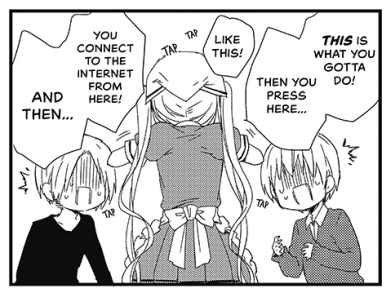

SNATCH!
WHA—?!

WH-WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT, YOU IDIOTS?!
HUH?!

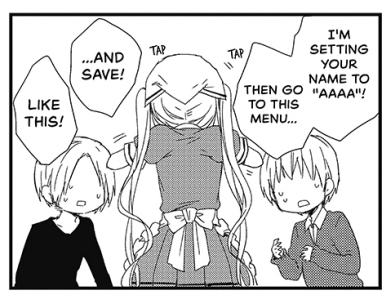
THAT'S OKAY, KAHO-SAN!
Waaah!
I ALWAYS GET TOTALLY CARRIED AWAY WHEN IT COMES TO GAMES!

W-WE'RE SORRY!
KNOCK IT OFF, WOULD YA?! I'M TRYING TO SERVE YOU HERE, SO QUIT PLAYING GAMES!
STUPID MACHINE!

I PLAY GAMES, TOO! I REALLY LIKE THEM!


YOU CONNECT TO THE INTERNET FROM HERE!
AND THEN...
TAP
TAP
LIKE THIS!
THIS IS WHAT YOU GOTTA DO!
THEN YOU PRESS HERE...
TAP
TAP

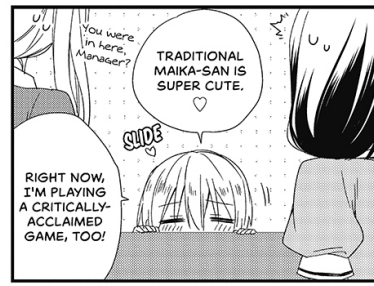
YOU'RE A GAMER, MAIKA-CHAN?!
WHADDYA PLAY?! RPGS? FPS? RHYTHM GAMES?! ONLINE?! SANDBOX?!
SHOCK


...AND SAVE!
TAP
TAP
I'M SETTING YOUR NAME TO "AAAA"!
LIKE THIS!
THEN GO TO THIS MENU...

I PLAY OTHELLO AND CARD GAMES EVERY NOW AND THEN!

Hmph!
YOU'D BETTER BE GRATEFUL!
I ADDED MYSELF AS A FRIEND TO SHOW YOU HOW!
Friend Added
TH-THANK YOU...
HUH?!
CLICK

YOU REALLY LIKE GAMES, HUH, KAHO-SAN?

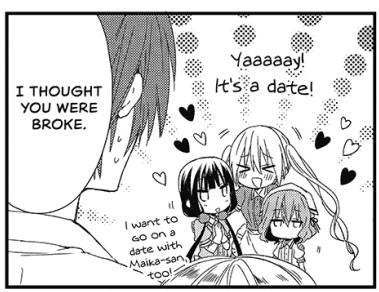

You were in here, Manager?
TRADITIONAL MAIKA-SAN IS SUPER CUTE.
SLIDE
RIGHT NOW, I'M PLAYING A CRITICALLY-ACCLAIMED GAME, TOO!

SHE'S ACTUALLY REALLY GOOD AT THEM.
I'D LOVE TO WATCH SOME-TIME!

IT FEATURES MAIKA-SAN AND ME, AND IT'S CALLED "DOKIDOKI MEMORIAL".
I'M SURE I'LL MAKE IT ONTO HER ROUTE SOON. ☆

OH, OKAY! THAT SOUNDS GREAT!
SERIOUSLY?! THEN HOW ABOUT WE HIT THE ARCADE AFTER WORK?!
Sure.

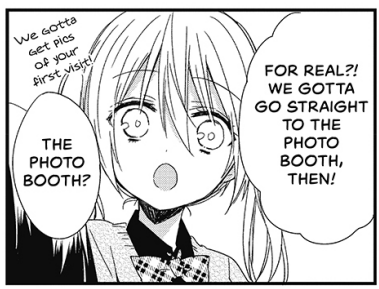
SLAM

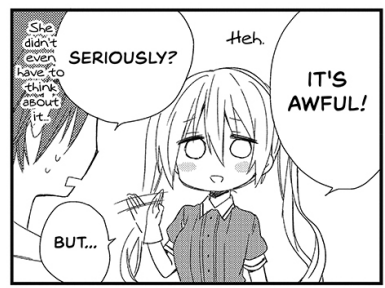

I THOUGHT YOU WERE BROKE.
Yaaaaay! It's a date!
I want to go on a date with Maika-san, too!

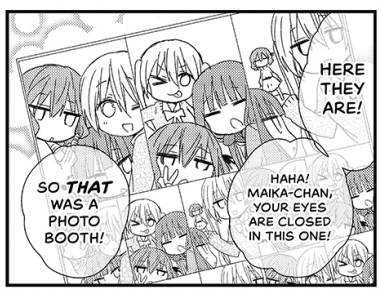
SORRY. YOU WERE JUST TICKING ME OFF.
Get your butt back to the kitchen!
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!

NOW, LET'S GO TO THE ARCADE!
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO AN ARCADE BEFORE!

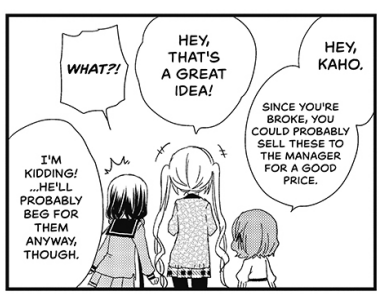
AH.
SPEAKING OF GAMES, I WAS THINKING OF GETTING THAT NEW ONE, NAPUO: ULTIMATE SAMURAI. HOW IS IT?
OH, THAT?


FOR REAL?! WE GOTTA GO STRAIGHT TO THE PHOTO BOOTH, THEN!
We gotta get pics of your first visit!
THE PHOTO BOOTH?

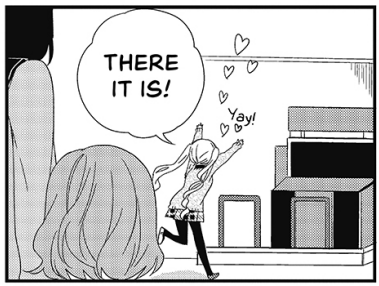

IT'S AWFUL!
Heh.
SERIOUSLY?
She didn't even have to think about it.
BUT...


HERE THEY ARE!
HAHA! MAIKA-CHAN, YOUR EYES ARE CLOSED IN THIS ONE!
SO THAT WAS A PHOTO BOOTH!

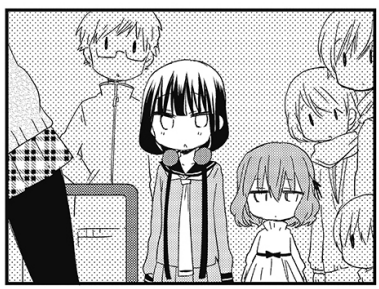
...I THINK YOU MIGHT REALLY LIKE IT, AKIZUKI-KUN!
ONE GAMER'S TRASH IS ANOTHER GAMER'S TREASURE, AFTER ALL!


HEY, KAHO.
HEY, THAT'S A GREAT IDEA!
WHAT?!
SINCE YOU'RE BROKE, YOU COULD PROBABLY SELL THESE TO THE MANAGER FOR A GOOD PRICE.
I'M KIDDING! ...HE'LL PROBABLY BEG FOR THEM ANYWAY, THOUGH.

SO I THINK YOU SHOULD BUY IT AND PLAY IT FOR YOURSELF!
POINT
I SHOULD'VE ASKED SOMEONE ELSE.


THERE IT IS!
Yay!

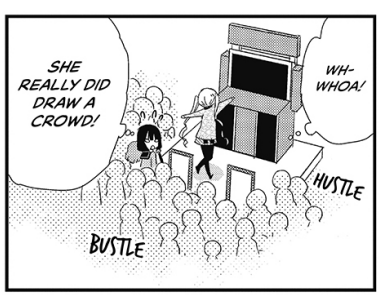
I FEEL LIKE DANCING TODAY. IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
Hmm...
DANC-ING?!
Since you guys are with me, it won't be awkward, either.



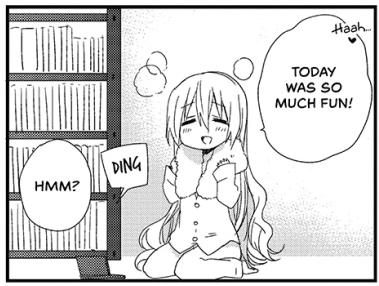
It's a dancing game!
I ALWAYS END UP DRAWING A CROWD!
HEY, I KNOW!
SO IT'S KINDA EMBAR-RASSING WHEN I DANCE BY MYSELF.

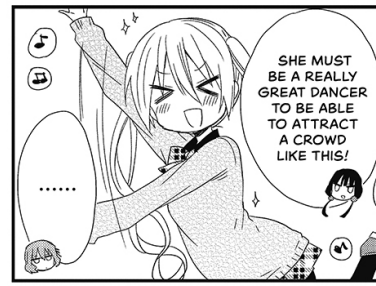
Huh?

You can compete against a second player!
WANNA DANCE WITH ME, MAIKA-CHAN?
WHAT?! ME?!
EEP!


SHE REALLY DID DRAW A CROWD!
WH-WHOA!
HUSTLE
BUSTLE

THAT'S, UH... KINDA IMPRESSIVE, ACTUALLY.
You grew up in the countryside, huh?
BUT... I...
I ONLY KNOW FESTIVAL DANCES.
And I haven't done those since elementary school.


Haah...
TODAY WAS SO MUCH FUN!
DING
HMM?


SHE MUST BE A REALLY GREAT DANCER TO BE ABLE TO ATTRACT A CROWD LIKE THIS!
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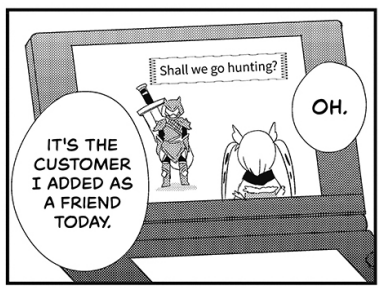

Shall we go hunting?
OH.
IT'S THE CUSTOMER I ADDED AS A FRIEND TODAY.

SURE, THAT'S PART OF IT.
BUT THEY'RE REALLY HERE FOR SOME-THING ELSE.

Hehe
DING

BOING
BOING

Why do I gotta go hunting with YOU?!

WOOOOOOOOO!
SEE?
AH...

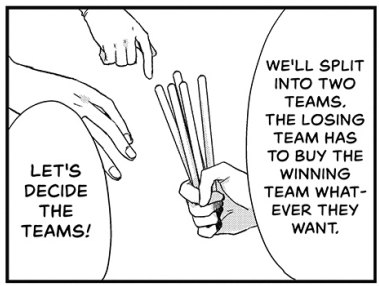
BLEND-S
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

THE DISH THAT GETS ORDERED THE MOST GETS PUT ON THE MENU PERMA-NENTLY!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE FUN! LET'S MAKE LOTS OF NEW AND WONDERFUL DISHES TOGETHER!

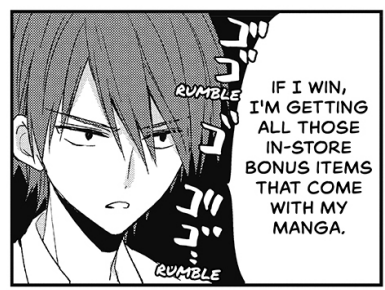
WE'RE MAKING NEW DISHES?

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HUH?

WE DO IT EVERY SEASON! AND THEN WE PUT THOSE DISHES ON THE MENU FOR A LIMITED TIME!
Yep


WE'LL SPLIT INTO TWO TEAMS. THE LOSING TEAM HAS TO BUY THE WINNING TEAM WHATEVER THEY WANT.
LET'S DECIDE THE TEAMS!

I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE! WHEN I WIN, I'LL BE GETTING THAT FIRST EDITION, LIMITED EDITION BLU-RAY!
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE


IF I WIN, I'M GETTING ALL THOSE IN-STORE BONUS ITEMS THAT COME WITH MY MANGA.
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE

SHOULD I GET THAT NEW GAME? OR MAYBE THE ONE THAT COMES OUT NEXT MONTH? HMM...
ゴゴゴ RUMBLE
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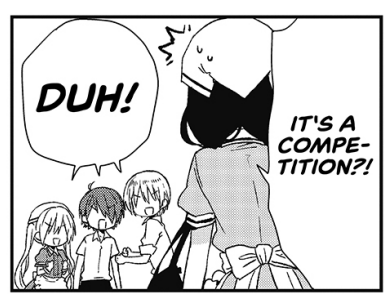
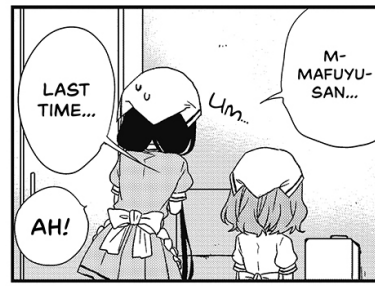
SHE'S OUT FOR BLOOD...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

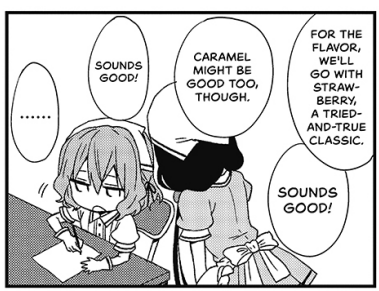

DUH!
IT'S A COMPETITION?!

FIRST, WE GOTTA DECIDE WHAT TO MAKE.
I THINK A DESSERT ITEM IS GONNA BE OUR BEST BET.
SOUNDS GOOD!


M-MAFUYU-SAN...
Um...
LAST TIME...
AH!

WE'LL MAKE IT LOOK REALLY IMPRESSIVE. THAT WAY IT LEAVES AN IMPACT BEFORE THEY EVEN TAKE THEIR FIRST BITE.
SOUNDS GOOD!
IT'S A DESSERT, THOUGH, SO IT'S GOTTA HAVE THAT CUTE FACTOR, TOO.

LAST TIME, MY TEAM LOST.
SO I DEFINITELY WANNA WIN THIS TIME. THERE'S SOMETHING I REALLY WANT...


FOR THE FLAVOR, WE'LL GO WITH STRAW-BERRY, A TRIED-AND-TRUE CLASSIC.
SOUNDS GOOD!
CARAMEL MIGHT BE GOOD TOO, THOUGH.
SOUNDS GOOD!
.....

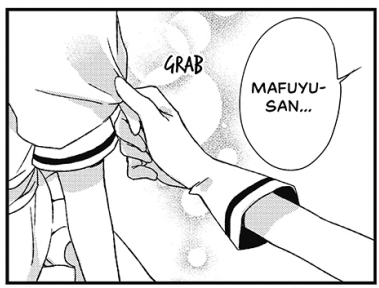
MAFUYU-SAN!
I'M GOING TO DO MY BEST! WE'LL WIN THIS THING FOR SURE!
MAIKA...

MAIKA!
GRR!
SOUNDS GOOD!

THAT'S RIGHT.
WE'LL GIVE IT ALL WE'VE GOT, AND MAKE MINCEMEAT OUT OF THOSE GUYS!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
EEK!

Welp.
HOW ABOUT THIS?
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE DONE!

IS "SOUNDS GOOD" ALL YOU KNOW HOW TO SAY?
DON'T YOU HAVE ANY OPINIONS OF YOUR OWN?
WELL, I JUST THOUGHT THAT, SINCE YOU HAVE MORE EXPERIENCE, I'D LEAVE IT TO YOU...

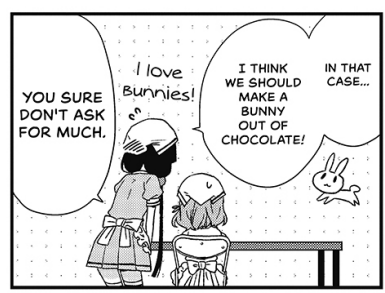

MAFUYU-SAN...
GRAB

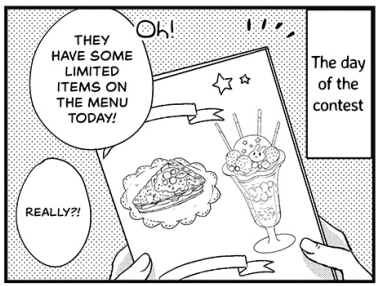
YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A HARD TIME IN THE REAL WORLD IF YOU HOLD BACK LIKE THAT.
WE'RE A TEAM. YOU GOTTA TELL ME WHAT YOU THINK.

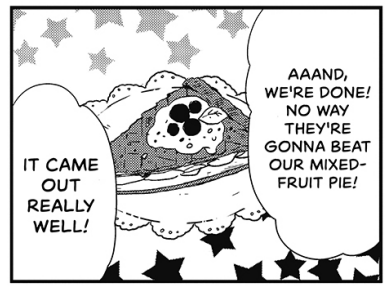
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE MADE SOMETHING WITH SOMEONE WHO WASN'T MY FAMILY...
FIDGET
IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!

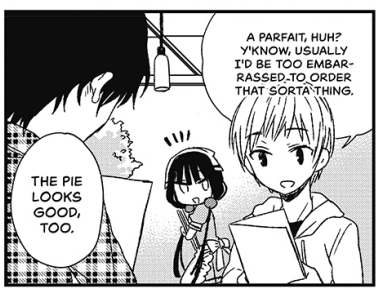
MAFUYU-SAN...

MAIKA...


IN THAT CASE...
I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE A BUNNY OUT OF CHOCOLATE!
I love Bunnies!
YOU SURE DON'T ASK FOR MUCH.


The day of the contest
Oh!
THEY HAVE SOME LIMITED ITEMS ON THE MENU TODAY!
REALLY?!


AAAND, WE'RE DONE! NO WAY THEY'RE GONNA BEAT OUR MIXED-FRUIT PIE!
IT CAME OUT REALLY WELL!

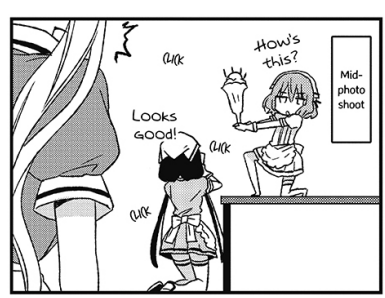

A PARFAIT, HUH? Y'KNOW, USUALLY I'D BE TOO EMBARRASSED TO ORDER THAT SORTA THING.
THE PIE LOOKS GOOD, TOO.

I WONDER WHAT THEY MADE!
Ugh
I REALLY DON'T LIKE THE THOUGHT OF WINNING AGAINST MAIKA-SAN...
LEAVE YOUR PERSONAL FEELINGS OUTTA THIS!
Guess I'll go take a look

MAFUYU-SAN AND I CAME UP WITH THAT PARFAIT TOGETHER!
REALLY?! THEN I'LL HAVE THAT, PLEASE!
I'll take the pie!

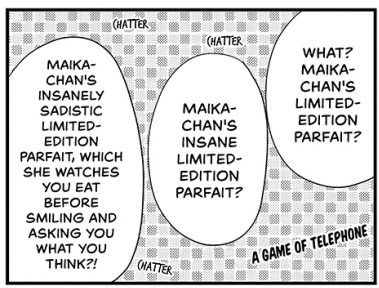
YOO-HOO!
CLICK
DID YOU GUYS FINISH YOUR DISH YET?

HERE YOU GO!
IT'S HUGE!
TA-DA

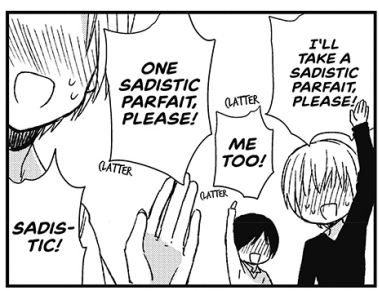

Mid-photo shoot
How's this?
CLICK
Looks good!
CLICK
CLICK

SPARKLE
IT WAS SO TASTY YOU JUMPED OUT OF YOUR CHAIR, RIGHT?
SO SADISTIC!

NOM
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


CHATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
MAIKA-CHAN'S INSANELY SADISTIC LIMITED-EDITION PARFAIT, WHICH SHE WATCHES YOU EAT BEFORE SMILING AND ASKING YOU WHAT YOU THINK?!
MAIKA-CHAN'S INSANE LIMITED-EDITION PARFAIT?
WHAT? MAIKA-CHAN'S LIMITED-EDITION PARFAIT?
A GAME OF TELEPHONE

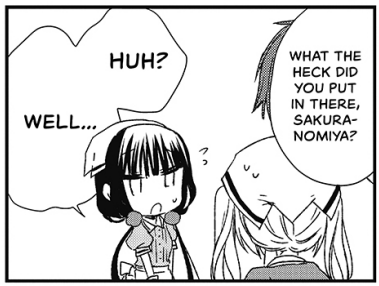
CLATTER
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
...HUH?!

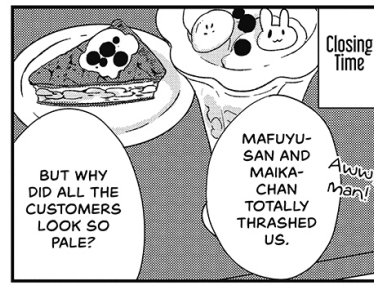

ONE SADISTIC PARFAIT, PLEASE!
I'LL TAKE A SADISTIC PARFAIT, PLEASE!
ME TOO!
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
SADIS-TIC!

TREMBLE
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
WHAT'S WRONG, DUDE?

Huh?
"SADISTIC PAR-FAIT"?

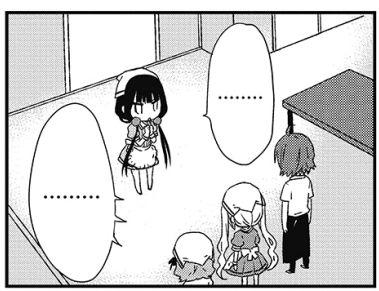
Hey...
IT'S SOUR, SPICY, AND SALTY...
...IT REEKS...
...AND IT'S BITTER.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


WHAT THE HECK DID YOU PUT IN THERE, SAKURA-NOMIYA?
HUH?
WELL...


Closing Time
MAFUYU-SAN AND MAIKA-CHAN TOTALLY THRASHED US.
Aww, man!
BUT WHY DID ALL THE CUSTOMERS LOOK SO PALE?

I WANTED IT TO BE REALLY SWEET, SO I PUT IN LOTS OF THAT SUGAR FROM THE CONTAINER WITH THE BLACK LID.
SALT, HUH?
THEN I ADDED THE VANILLA EXTRACT I FOUND IN THE BACK OF THE FRIDGE.
VINEGAR...
AND I WANTED TO MAKE IT COLORFUL, SO I PUT IN THE RED SAUCE FROM THE SMALL BOTTLE.
THAT'S HOT SAUCE.

I'M SURE IT'S BECAUSE THEIR PARFAIT WAS BUONISSIMO!
I'D LIKE TO TRY IT, TOO!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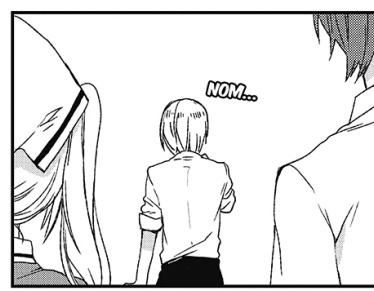
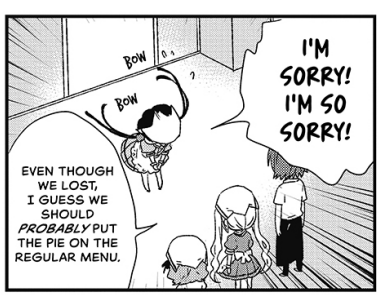
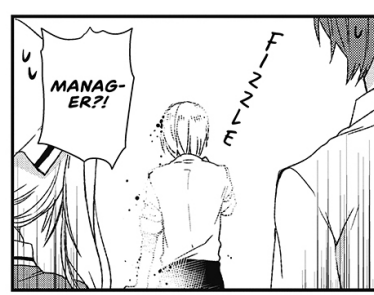
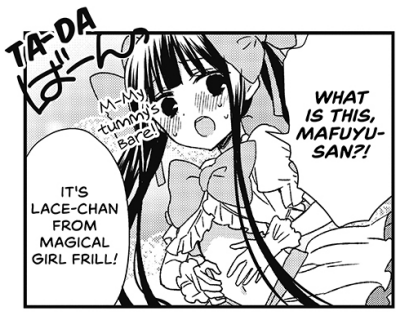

NOM...


I'M SORRY! I'M SO SORRY!
BOW
BOW
EVEN THOUGH WE LOST, I GUESS WE SHOULD PROBABLY PUT THE PIE ON THE REGULAR MENU.


FIZZLE
MANAG-ER?!

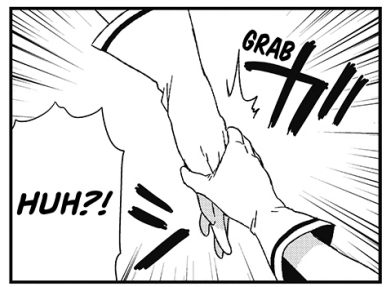

TA-DA
ばーん
M-My tummy's bare!
WHAT IS THIS, MAFUYU-SAN?!
IT'S LACE-CHAN FROM MAGICAL GIRL FRILL!

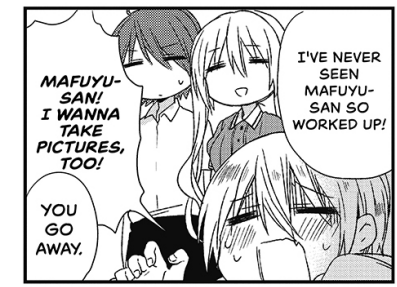
SNIFFLE
SOB
I'M REALLY SORRY, MAFUYU-SAN...
IT'S FINE. WE STILL WON, AFTER ALL.

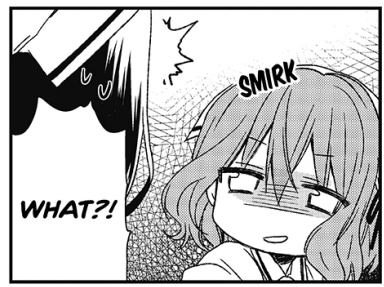
SEE, I WANTED THIS COSTUME. AND SINCE YOU HAVE BLACK HAIR, I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE PERFECT ONE TO WEAR IT!
It's the real live Lace-chan!
WHAT?!

AND THAT MEANS I CAN GET WHATEVER I WANT!
OH, RIGHT. WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU WANT, MAFUYU-SAN?

BUT I WAS ON THE WINNING TEAM TOO!
YOU'RE PART OF MY PRIZE!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK


GRAB
HUH?!

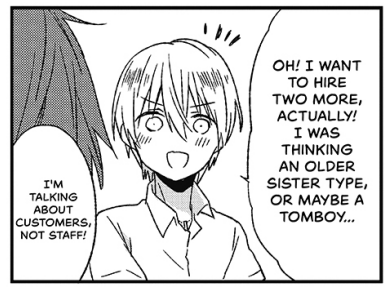

I'VE NEVER SEEN MAFUYU-SAN SO WORKED UP!
MAFUYU-SAN! I WANNA TAKE PICTURES, TOO!
YOU GO AWAY.


SMIRK
WHAT?!

BLEND·S

PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

GO TO HELL!
Hey!
HAHAHA
OHHH. I FORGOT THAT YOU'RE INTO SOME PRETTY WEIRD STUFF, AKIZUKI-SAN!

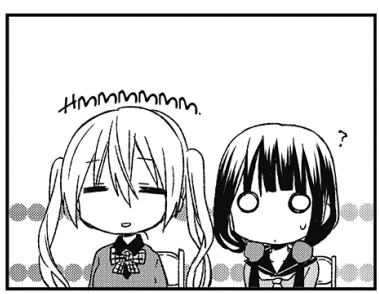

OH! I WANT TO HIRE TWO MORE, ACTUALLY! I WAS THINKING AN OLDER SISTER TYPE, OR MAYBE A TOMBOY...
I'M TALKING ABOUT CUSTOMERS, NOT STAFF!

'CAUSE THINGS HAPPEN WHEN GIRLS COME TO A PLACE LIKE THIS.
BUT WHY DO YOU WANT THAT FROM THE CUSTOMERS?

NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, ALMOST ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS ARE MALE.
MAKES SENSE, SINCE THE WAITRESSES ARE ALL GIRLS.

THEY FEED EACH OTHER BITES OF TEAR DESSERTS...
...OR SOMETIMES JUST GET ONE TO SHARE.

IT'S NOT ANYTHING CREEPY LIKE YOU'RE THINKING!
YEAH! TELL US!
WHY DO YOU WANT FEMALE CUSTOMERS?


Hmmmmmm.
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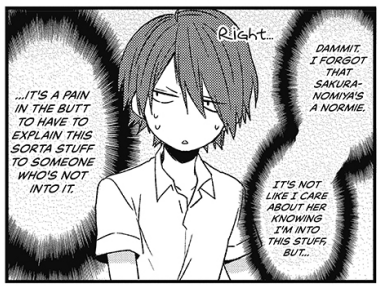
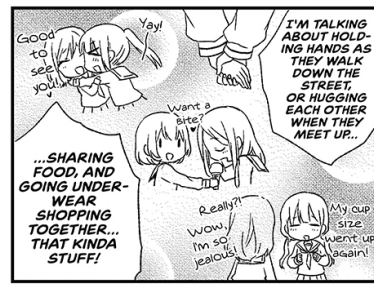
WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS...
...YURI!

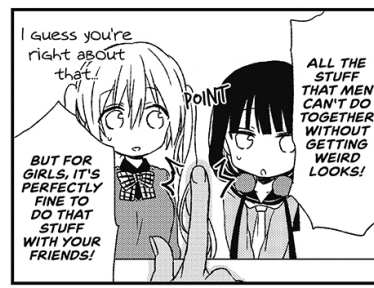
OH, BY THE WAY...
...WHAT DOES "YURI" MEAN?
HUH?!

THE PHYSICAL INTIMACY THAT CAN ONLY BE SHARED BETWEEN GIRLS...
Haah...
...IS FULL OF MYSTERY AND POSSIBILITY!
"MYSTERY"?


Right...
DAMMIT. I FORGOT THAT SAKURANOMIYA'S A NORMIE.
...IT'S A PAIN IN THE BUTT TO HAVE TO EXPLAIN THIS SORTA STUFF TO SOMEONE WHO'S NOT INTO IT.
IT'S NOT LIKE I CARE ABOUT HER KNOWING I'M INTO THIS STUFF, BUT...

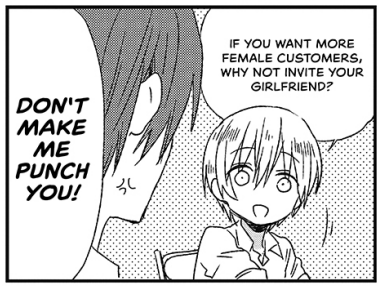

I'M TALKING ABOUT HOLDING HANDS AS THEY WALK DOWN THE STREET, OR HUGGING EACH OTHER WHEN THEY MEET UP...
Yay!
Good to see you!
Want a bite?
...SHARING FOOD, AND GOING UNDERWEAR SHOPPING TOGETHER... THAT KINDA STUFF!
Really?!
Wow, I'm so jealous!
My cup size went up again!

WELL, Y'KNOW...
IT MEANS ROMANTIC LOVE BETWEEN TWO GIRLS.
SORRY FOR BRINGING UP SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
I SEE! SO THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS!

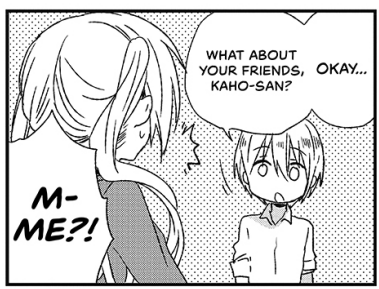

ALL THE STUFF THAT MEN CAN'T DO TOGETHER WITHOUT GETTING WEIRD LOOKS!
POINT
I guess you're right about that!
BUT FOR GIRLS, IT'S PERFECTLY FINE TO DO THAT STUFF WITH YOUR FRIENDS!

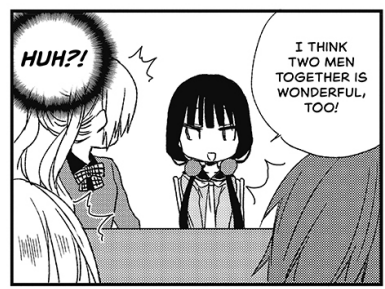
TWO GIRLS? I THINK THAT'S ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL!
HUH?!

THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE ATMOSPHERE THAT'S CREATED WHEN GIRLS DO THAT STUFF WITH EACH OTHER!
IT'S BURSTING WITH MYSTERY, POSSIBILITIES, AND DREAMS!
HE'S CERTAINLY FIRED UP TODAY.


IF YOU WANT MORE FEMALE CUSTOMERS, WHY NOT INVITE YOUR GIRLFRIEND?
DON'T MAKE ME PUNCH YOU!

NO WAY. MAIKA-CHAN JUST...
SHE JUST ACCEPTED IT?!
NO, MAIKA-SAN! I THOUGHT YOU WERE NORMAL!
Wasn't expecting that...

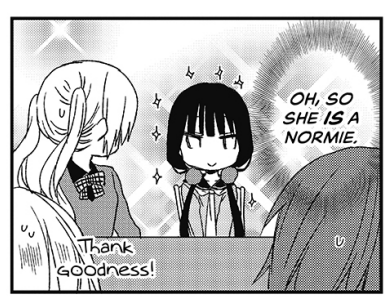

WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIENDS, KAHO-SAN?
OKAY...
M-ME?!


HUH?!
I THINK TWO MEN TOGETHER IS WONDERFUL, TOO!

FRIENDS, HUH? WELL, WHEN I WAS A KID, I ALWAYS HAD A TON OF GAMES AT MY HOUSE.
'CAUSE OF THAT, MOST OF MY FRIENDS WERE BOYS, AND THEY SORTA WORSHIPPED ME...
BUT NOW ALL MY FRIENDS ARE ONLINE...
...AND I MEAN, I HAVE A LOT OF THEM, BUT...

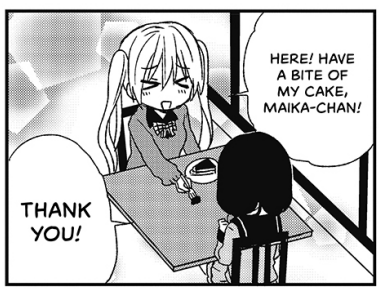
There are so many different kinds of people all over the world!
THERE ARE SEVERAL COUNTRIES ABROAD WHERE SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS ACCEPTED.
I DON'T THINK IT'S WEIRD OR BAD.

I'M SO SORRY!
Heh...

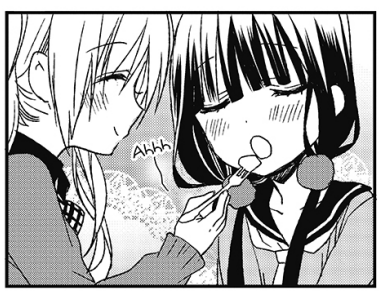

OH, SO SHE IS A NORMIE.
Thank goodness!

WOOOW! THEY LOOK SO TASTY!

LET'S FORGET ABOUT OUR CUSTOMERS FOR NOW!
IF YOU JUST WANNA SEE TWO GIRLS EATING TOGETHER...

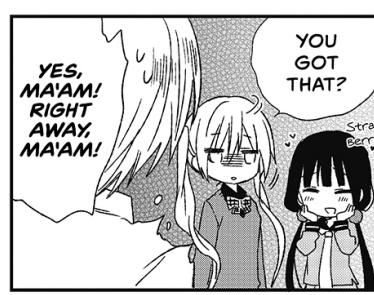

HERE! HAVE A BITE OF MY CAKE, MAIKA-CHAN!
THANK YOU!

...THEN ME AND MAIKA-CHAN CAN EAT SOME DESSERTS TOGETHER!
WHAT A GREAT IDEA!


Ahh

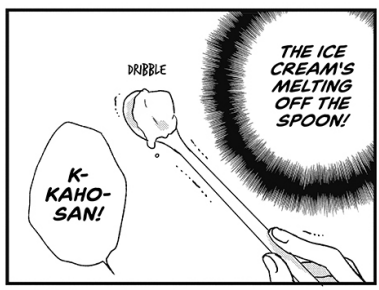
I'LL TAKE A DARK CHOCO-LATE CAKE!
I WOULD LOVE A STRAWBERRY PARFAIT!
soft

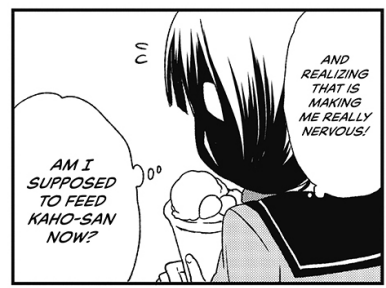
Can I have some of yours, Maika-chan?
Mmm! It's so good!
MY OTP WILL ALWAYS BE MANAGER × MAIKA-SAN.
KAHOMAI, HUH? I SHIP IT.
Incre-dible


YES, MA'AM! RIGHT AWAY, MA'AM!
YOU GOT THAT?
Straw-berries!

AH!
I JUST NEED TO DO WHAT SHE DID.

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
...THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SHARED FOOD WITH A FRIEND LIKE THIS!

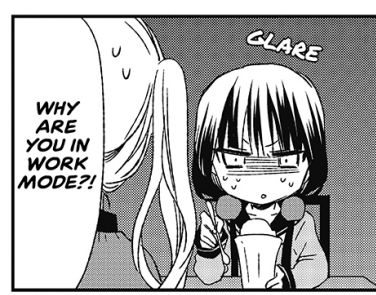

K-KAHO-SAN!
DRIBBLE
THE ICE CREAM'S MELTING OFF THE SPOON!


AM I SUPPOSED TO FEED KAHO-SAN NOW?
AND REALIZING THAT IS MAKING ME REALLY NERVOUS!

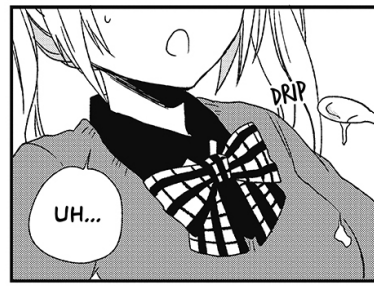
...AND OPEN YOUR MOUTH!
HURRY...

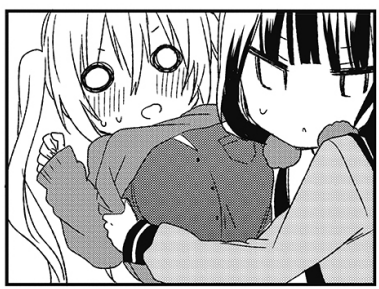
MAIKA-CHAN?

WAIT, MAYBE IT'S MAIKAHO...
WH-WHAT'S WITH THOSE HANDS, MAIKA-CHAN?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
MANAGER × MAIKA IS STILL MY OTP.
Hmm...

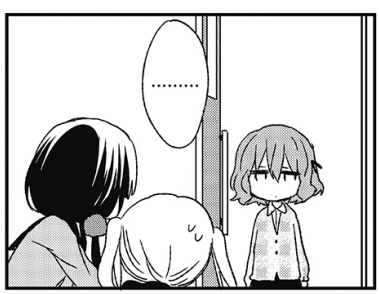

GLARE
WHY ARE YOU IN WORK MODE?!

SORRY I'M LATE.
カチャ CLICK
EEEEK!
EEEK!


DRIP
UH...



I-I'LL RINSE IT OUT FOR YOU, SO PLEASE TAKE OFF YOUR SWEATER!
OH NO! I'M SO SORRY!
It'll leave a stain!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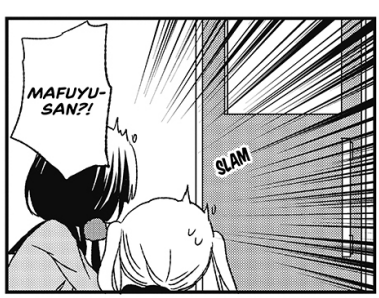
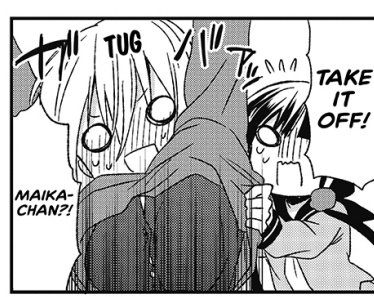
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
IT'S FINE! I'LL JUST TOSS IT IN THE WASHER WHEN I GET HOME.


MAFUYU-SAN?!
SLAM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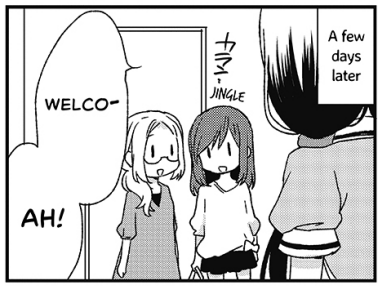
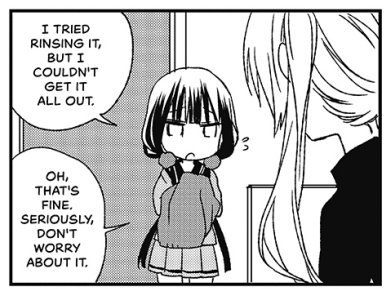
TAKE IT OFF!
MAIKA-CHAN?!


A few days later
JINGLE
WELCO-
AH!

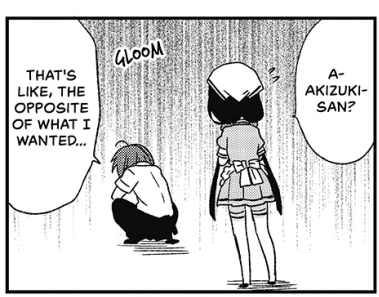
KAHO-SAN.
Teehee!
WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU TWO DOING?

FWIP
AKIZUKI-SAN! WE HAVE SOME FEMALE CUSTOMERS!
WHAT?!


I TRIED RINSING IT, BUT I COULDN'T GET IT ALL OUT.
OH, THAT'S FINE. SERIOUSLY, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

Shiro is definitely the bottom in all his ships!
What about Kin?
Did you see the end card, though?
Kingin is his best ship, hands down!
Like, he'll take anyone. And I mean anyone!
I did! Can you believe it was official art?!

WHAT IF IT DOESN'T EVEN COME OUT IN THE WASHING MACHINE?
NGH...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I KNOW!

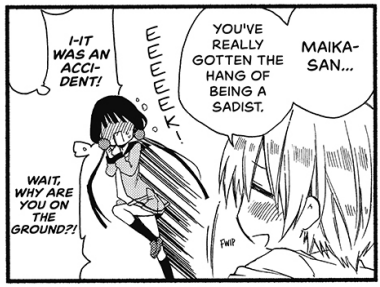

THAT'S LIKE, THE OPPOSITE OF WHAT I WANTED...
GLOOM
A-AKIZUKI-SAN?

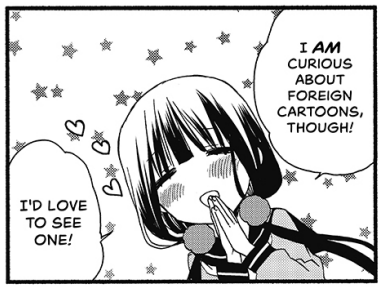
PULL
TAKE MY CLOTHES!
THAT'S GOING TOO FAR, MAIKA-CHAN!

Achoo!

BLEND·S

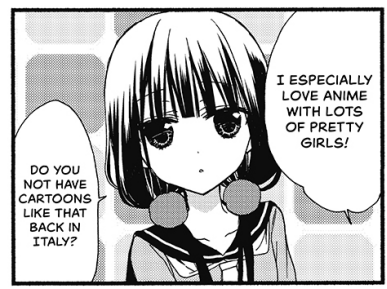
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA




I AM CURIOUS ABOUT FOREIGN CARTOONS, THOUGH!
I'D LOVE TO SEE ONE!

YOU REALLY LIKE ANIME, DON'T YOU?
I STAYED UP WATCHING LATE-NIGHT ANIME, SO I WAS JUST TAKING A NAP.
YES!
I think you should sleep in a bed instead of on the floor!

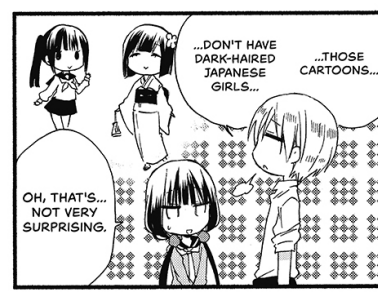
YOU REALLY DO LOVE FOREIGN CULTURES, DON'T YOU?
WHAT WAS IT THAT FIRST SPARKED YOUR INTEREST?
Just as much as I love anime!


I ESPECIALLY LOVE ANIME WITH LOTS OF PRETTY GIRLS!
DO YOU NOT HAVE CARTOONS LIKE THAT BACK IN ITALY?

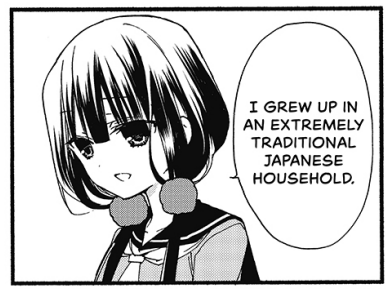
AND THAT'S WHAT STARTED IT ALL?
WHEN I WAS FIVE, MY FATHER HAD A GUEST FROM ABROAD. IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I'D EVER MET A FOREIGNER!
Well...

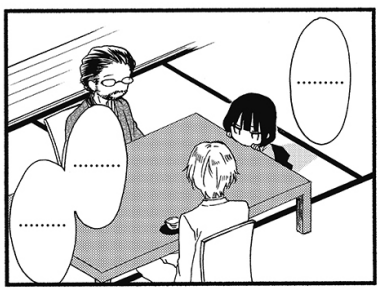
BUT...
WE DO HAVE THOSE, YES.

WHEN YOU WERE ONLY FIVE?!
YES! IT WAS RIGHT AROUND THE TIME I WAS STARTING TO GET SICK OF JAPAN!


...DON'T HAVE DARK-HAIRED JAPANESE GIRLS...
...THOSE CARTOONS...
OH, THAT'S... NOT VERY SURPRISING.

WHENEVER HE CAME TO THE HOUSE, I WENT TO SIT WITH HIM AND FATHER.
PITTER
PATTER


I GREW UP IN AN EXTREMELY TRADITIONAL JAPANESE HOUSEHOLD.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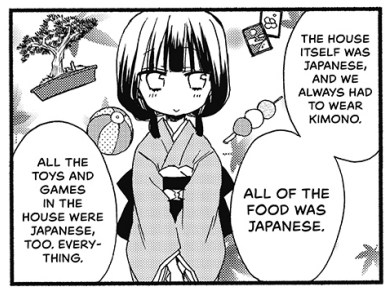
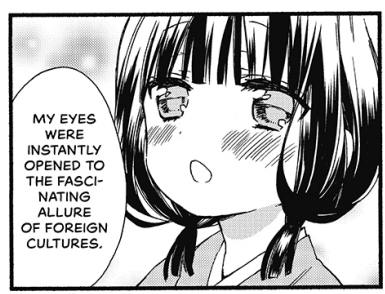

THE HOUSE ITSELF WAS JAPANESE, AND WE ALWAYS HAD TO WEAR KIMONO.
ALL THE TOYS AND GAMES IN THE HOUSE WERE JAPANESE, TOO. EVERYTHING.
ALL OF THE FOOD WAS JAPANESE.

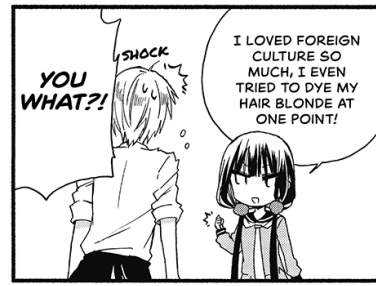
STARE

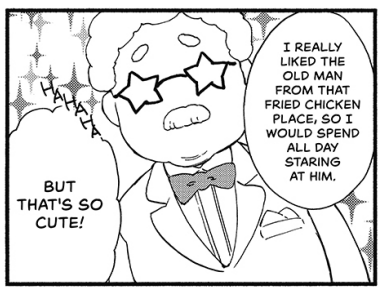
THAT'S WHY THE FOREIGN GUEST MY FATHER HAD OVER LEFT SUCH A STRONG IMPRESSION ON ME.

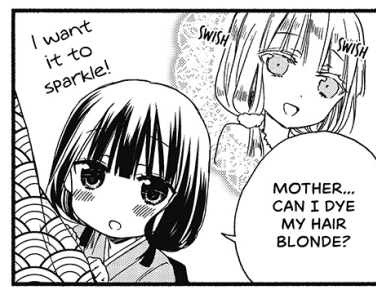
DONK
I MUST HAVE BEEN A NUISANCE, THOUGH, BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS MADE ME LEAVE THE ROOM.


MY EYES WERE INSTANTLY OPENED TO THE FASCINATING ALLURE OF FOREIGN CULTURES.

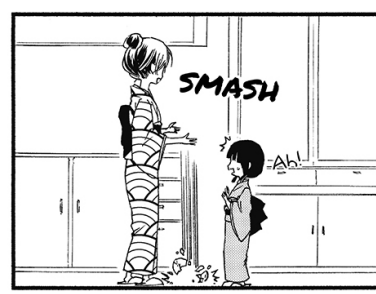
I FEEL BAD, THOUGH. MY LOVE OF FOREIGN CULTURES CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE FOR MY PARENTS SOMETIMES.
WHY? WHAT HAPPENED?

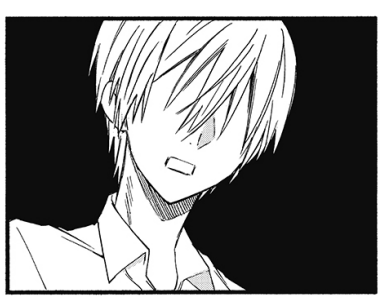

I LOVED FOREIGN CULTURE SO MUCH, I EVEN TRIED TO DYE MY HAIR BLONDE AT ONE POINT!
SHOCK
YOU WHAT?!

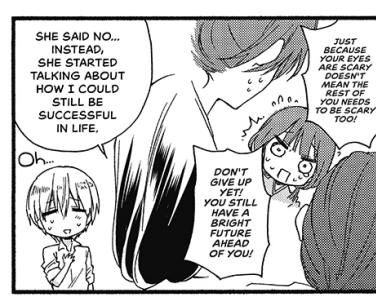

I REALLY LIKED THE OLD MAN FROM THAT FRIED CHICKEN PLACE, SO I WOULD SPEND ALL DAY STARING AT HIM.
HAHAHA
BUT THAT'S SO CUTE!


I want it to sparkle!
SWISH
SWISH
MOTHER... CAN I DYE MY HAIR BLONDE?

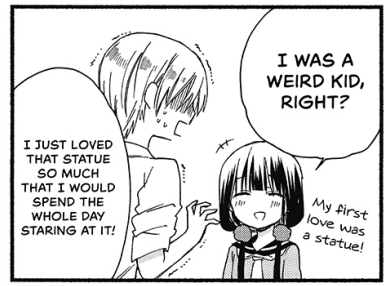
HE WAS...
...MY FIRST LOVE.
FIDGET


SMASH
Ah!

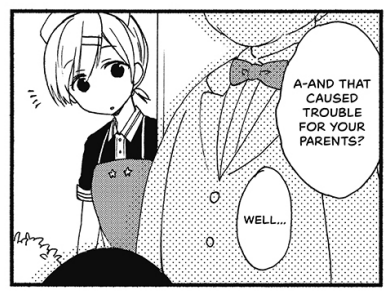



SHE SAID NO... INSTEAD, SHE STARTED TALKING ABOUT HOW I COULD STILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN LIFE.
Oh...
DON'T GIVE UP YET! YOU STILL HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD OF YOU!
JUST BECAUSE YOUR EYES ARE SCARY DOESN'T MEAN THE REST OF YOU NEEDS TO BE SCARY TOO!

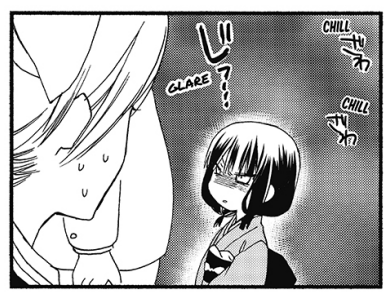
AND THEN I LEARNED ABOUT SANTA CLAUS!
Christmas
Kompolas

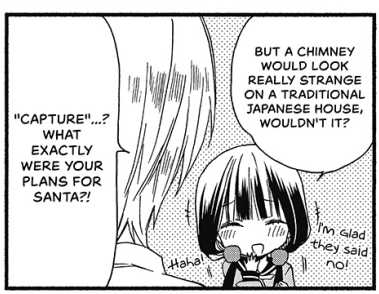

I WAS A WEIRD KID, RIGHT?
My first love was a statue!
I JUST LOVED THAT STATUE SO MUCH THAT I WOULD SPEND THE WHOLE DAY STARING AT IT!

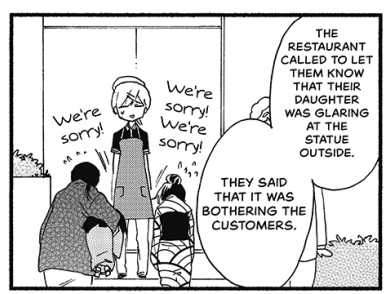
FOR A WHOLE YEAR I BEGGED MY PARENTS DAILY TO INSTALL A CHIMNEY!
Pretty Please?
Um...
EVERY DAY FOR A YEAR?!


A-AND THAT CAUSED TROUBLE FOR YOUR PARENTS?
WELL...

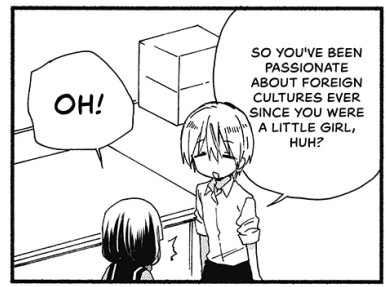
I JUST REALLY WANTED TO CAPTURE SANTA CLAUS...

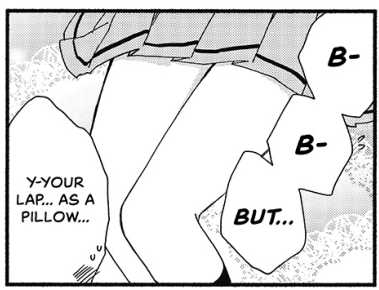

CHILL
CLARE
CHILL


"CAPTURE"...? WHAT EXACTLY WERE YOUR PLANS FOR SANTA?!
BUT A CHIMNEY WOULD LOOK REALLY STRANGE ON A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE HOUSE, WOULDN'T IT?
Haha!
I'm glad they said no!


THE RESTAURANT CALLED TO LET THEM KNOW THAT THEIR DAUGHTER WAS GLARING AT THE STATUE OUTSIDE.
THEY SAID THAT IT WAS BOTHERING THE CUSTOMERS.
We're sorry!
We're sorry! We're sorry!

M-M-M-M-M-M-MAIKA-SAN?!
IF YOU NEED TO TAKE A NAP, THEN PLEASE USE MY LAP TO REST YOUR HEAD!

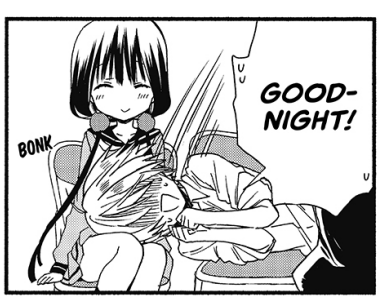

SO YOU'VE BEEN PASSIONATE ABOUT FOREIGN CULTURES EVER SINCE YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL, HUH?
OH!


B-
B-
BUT...
Y-YOUR LAP... AS A PILLOW...

I'M SORRY! I'VE BEEN WASTING YOUR BREAK TIME BY TALKING SO MUCH!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I LOVE HEARING YOUR STORIES. ♡

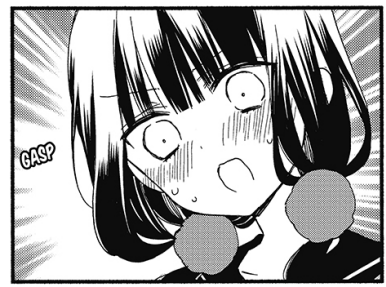
ARE YOU SAYING...
...MY LAP ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH?

OH NO! I'VE BEEN KEEPING HIM FROM HIS NAP TIME!
GLANCE
GLANCE
I SHOULD FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE IT UP TO HIM.


GOOD-NIGHT!
BONK

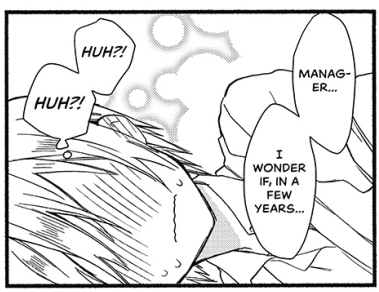
MANAGER! PLEASE USE MY LAP AS A PILLOW!
PAT
HUH?!

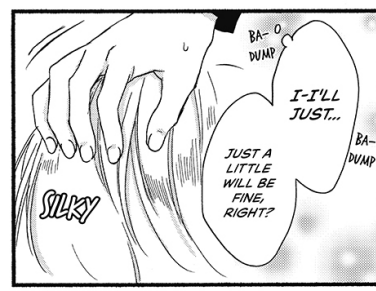
MAIKA-SAN SURE IS BEING BOLD TODAY...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


GASP

Haah...
MANAG-ER...

B-BLOND HAIR!
RIGHT HERE ON MY LAP!


HUH?!
HUH?!
MANAG-ER...
I WONDER IF, IN A FEW YEARS...


BA-DUMP
I-I'LL JUST...
BA-DUMP
JUST A LITTLE WILL BE FINE, RIGHT?
SILKY

?!
...HE'LL BE ABLE TO GROW A BUSHY WHITE BEARD.

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RUB RUB RUB RUB RUB
AAAHHH?!
A... AHHH!
RUB RUB RUB RUB RUB
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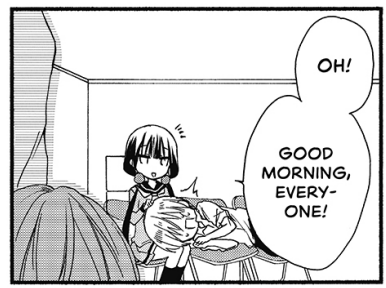
"CONSENSUAL"? BULLCRAP.
IT'S TRUE!
NGH...
THROB
MY LEGS ARE ALL TINGLY...

GOOD MORNING!
CLUNK

HELP ME OUT HERE, MAIKA-SAN! THEY DON'T BELIEVE ME!


OH!
GOOD MORNING, EVERY-ONE!

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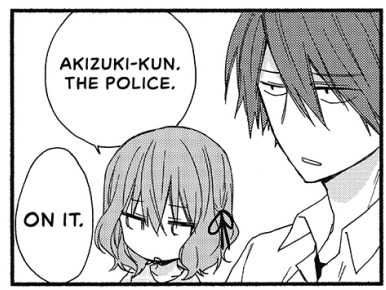
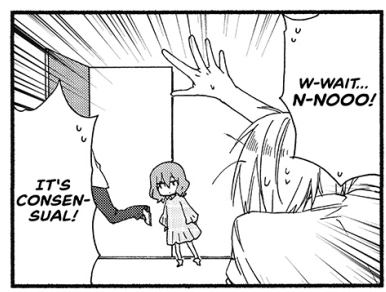
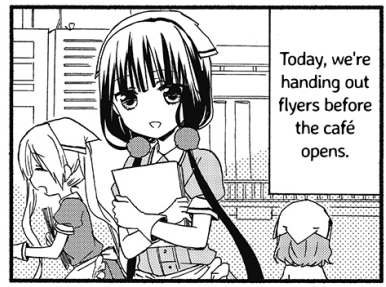
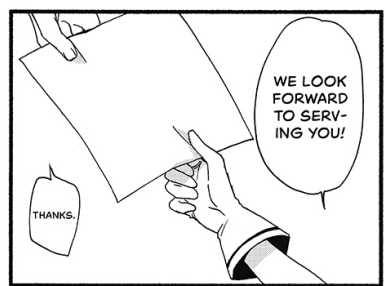

AKIZUKI-KUN. THE POLICE.
ON IT.

NOOO!
KNEW IT. WORKPLACE SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A SERIOUS ISSUE, DUDE.
Owie Owie Owie!
TINGLE
TINGLE


W-WAIT... N-NOOO!
IT'S CONSEN-SUAL!





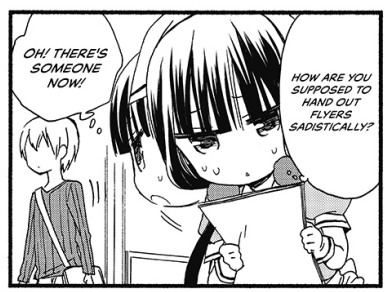
BLEND·S

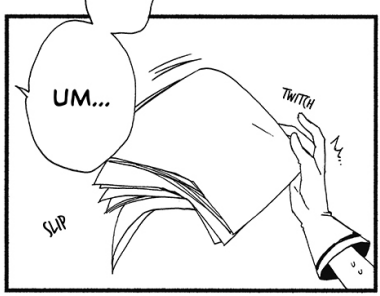
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

HELP! HELP! HELP!
I-I ACCIDENTALLY OFFERED HIM ALL THE FLYERS INSTEAD OF JUST ONE!

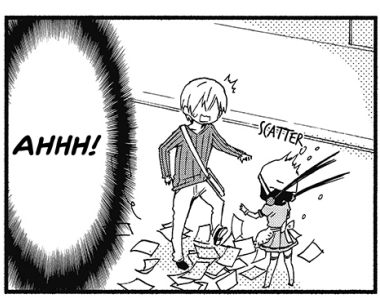
WHY DON'T YOU HAND OUT THE FLYERS WHILE YOU'RE IN CHARACTER?
I HAVE AN IDEA!

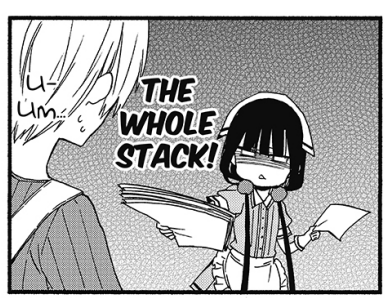
UM... WHAT IS SHE...? WHAT DOES SHE...?
ゴゴ RUMBLE
RUMBLE ゴゴゴゴ RUMBLE

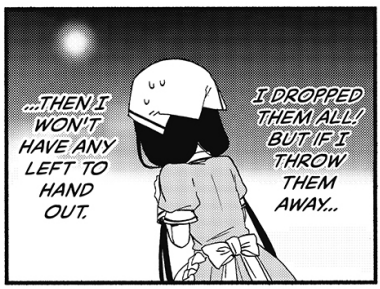

OH! THERE'S SOMEONE NOW!
HOW ARE YOU SUPPOSED TO HAND OUT FLYERS SADISTICALLY?


ER...
UM...
TWITCH
SLIP

SHOVE
FLINCH


AHHH!
SCATTER


U-Um...
THE WHOLE STACK!


...THEN I WON'T HAVE ANY LEFT TO HAND OUT.
I DROPPED THEM ALL! BUT IF I THROW THEM AWAY...

EEEEEEEK!
I DROPPED THEM EVERY-WHERE!

UMM, BUT DIDN'T YOU WANT TO THROW THEM AWAY?
I'LL JUST HAVE TO APOLOGIZE AND HOPE THEY'LL BE ACCEPTED ANYWAY...

WHAT?! HE ALREADY PICKED THEM ALL UP FOR ME?!
UM, HERE...
AH! IT WOULD BE RUDE TO GIVE HIM ONE OF THE ONES I JUST DROPPED! I SHOULD PICK THEM UP AND GET NEW ONES RIGHT AWAY!

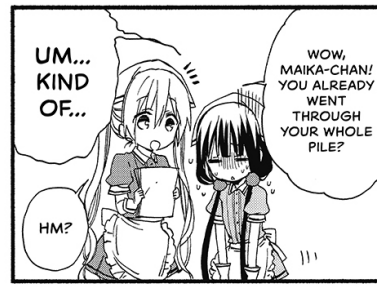
COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE THEM?
SMILE!

HUH?!
THEY BELONG IN THE TRASH!

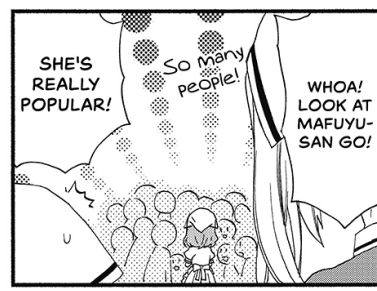
THROB
OKAY.
OH, UH...

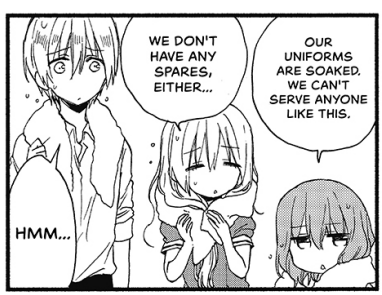
HUH?!
BUT PLEASE TAKE THEM!

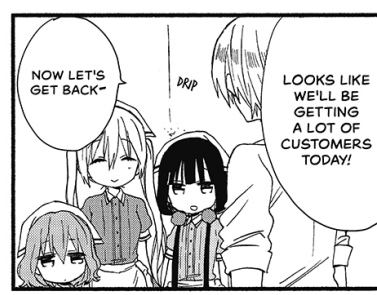
Here's some towels.
JUST OUR LUCK, HUH?


UM... KIND OF...
WOW, MAIKA-CHAN! YOU ALREADY WENT THROUGH YOUR WHOLE PILE?
HM?

SHHHH
I DOUBT WE'LL BE GETTING MANY CUSTOMERS WITH THIS WEATHER.
IT'S NOT EVEN THAT.

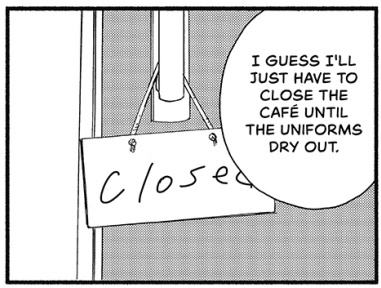

SHE'S REALLY POPULAR!
So many people!
WHOA! LOOK AT MAFUYU-SAN GO!


WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPARES, EITHER...
OUR UNIFORMS ARE SOAKED. WE CAN'T SERVE ANYONE LIKE THIS.
HMM...


NOW LET'S GET BACK-
DRIP
LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE GETTING A LOT OF CUSTOMERS TODAY!

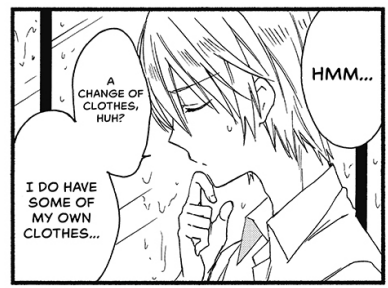
THE HELL'RE YOU DOING WITH STUFF LIKE THAT?!
I HAVE SOME SPARE GYM UNIFORMS AND BUNNY SUITS, BUT THAT'S ALL.

SHAAAAAAAA


Closed
I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO CLOSE THE CAFÉ UNTIL THE UNIFORMS DRY OUT.

I BOUGHT THEM IN ORDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT MOE CULTURE! ♡
WE'RE NOT WEARING THOSE.
We're not that kind of café...

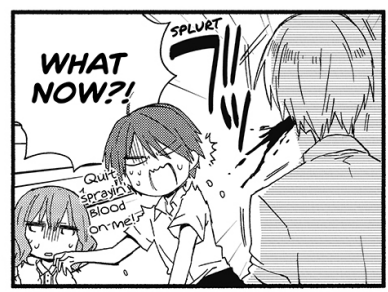
THIS IS A GREAT CHANCE TO DO SOME CLEANING!
WE CAN EVEN CLEAN THE PLACES WE USUALLY DON'T HAVE TIME FOR!

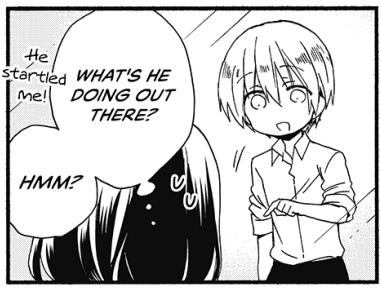

HMM...
A CHANGE OF CLOTHES, HUH?
I DO HAVE SOME OF MY OWN CLOTHES...

I'LL DEAL WITH THE TRASH, THEN.
SLIP

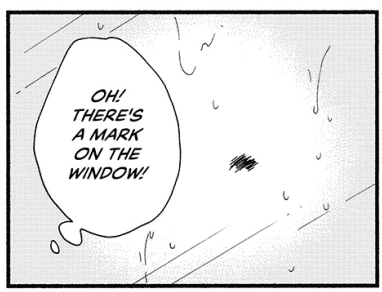
Manager...
Your shirts are so big!

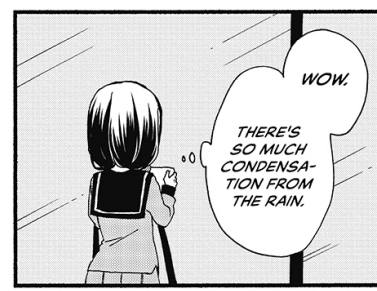
STOP! ONE SADIST IS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
SMACK
THWACK
Grab a mop...
...and wipe up all the blood you got on the floor!
Okay, okay!


SPLURT
WHAT NOW?!
Quit sprayin' blood on me!

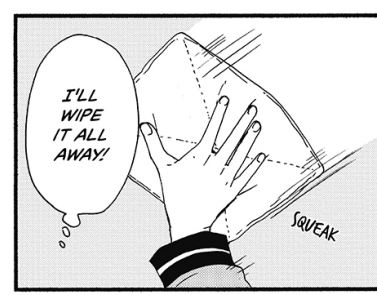

He startled me!
WHAT'S HE DOING OUT THERE?
HMM?

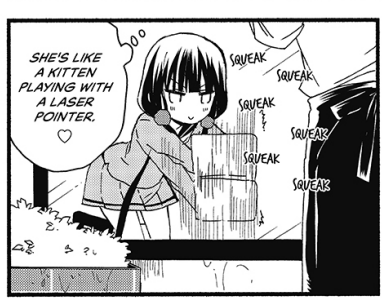
I'LL CLEAN THE WINDOWS!


OH! THERE'S A MARK ON THE WINDOW!

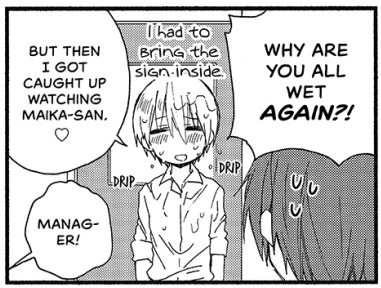

WOW.
THERE'S SO MUCH CONDENSATION FROM THE RAIN.

I'LL WIPE IT OFF RIGHT AWAY!
FWIP


I'LL WIPE IT ALL AWAY!
SQUEAK

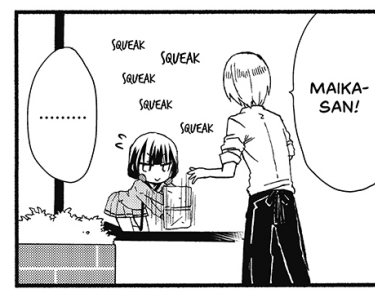

SHE'S LIKE A KITTEN PLAYING WITH A LASER POINTER. ♡
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK

HUH?!
Eek!

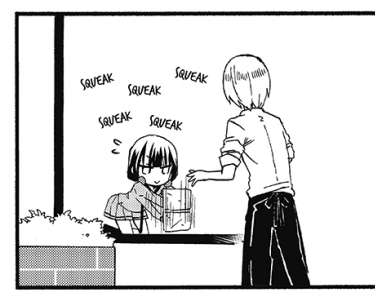

I had to bring the sign inside.
BUT THEN I GOT CAUGHT UP WATCHING MAIKA-SAN. ♡
WHY ARE YOU ALL WET AGAIN?!
DRIP
DRIP
MANAGER!

HUH?
THIS STAIN IS ACTUALLY ON THE OUTSIDE, NOT THE INSIDE.

JOLT
YOU HAVE TO DRY OFF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, OR YOU'LL CATCH A COLD!
WIPE
WIPE
MAIKA-SAN!


SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
.....
MAIKA-SAN!

Y-YOU'RE RIGHT! I'M SO SORRY, MANAGER! I WAS ALREADY HOLDING THIS, SO I JUST KIND OF USED IT WITHOUT THINKING!
HUH?!
GAH!
ISN'T THAT A DUST CLOTH, SAKURANOMIYA?
?!


SQUEAK
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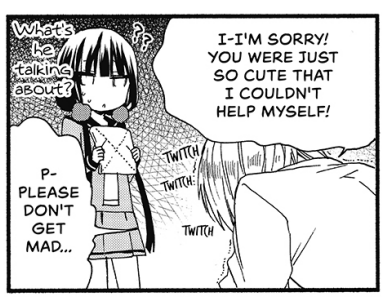
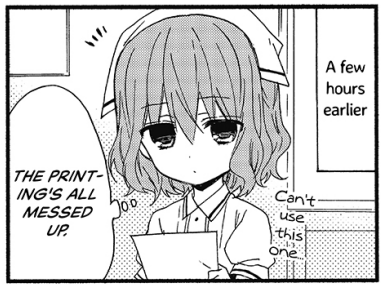
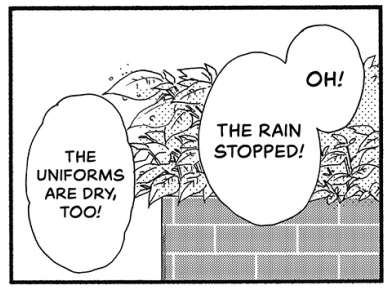
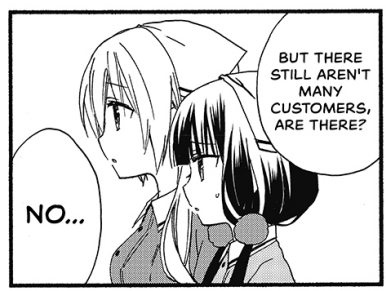

What's he talking about?
??
I-I'M SORRY! YOU WERE JUST SO CUTE THAT I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF!
TWITCH
TWITCH
TWITCH
P-PLEASE DON'T GET MAD...

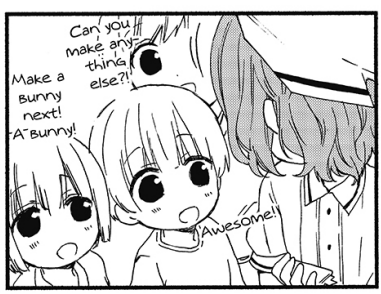
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK


A few hours earlier
THE PRINTING'S ALL MESSED UP.
Can't use this one

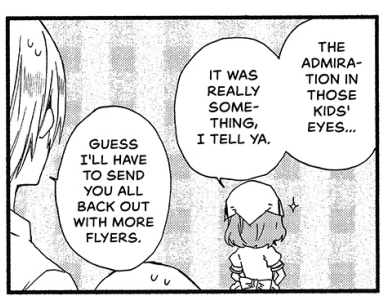

OH!
THE RAIN STOPPED!
THE UNIFORMS ARE DRY, TOO!

ORIGAMI FROG
TA-DA
WHOA! THAT'S SO COOL!


BUT THERE STILL AREN'T MANY CUSTOMERS, ARE THERE?
NO...


Can you make anything else?!
Make a bunny next!
A bunny!
Awesome!

'COURSE WE'RE NOT GETTING CUSTOMERS.
YOU GUYS GAVE OUT SO MANY FLYERS, TOO.
ESPECIALLY MAFUYU-SAN.


GUESS I'LL HAVE TO SEND YOU ALL BACK OUT WITH MORE FLYERS.
IT WAS REALLY SOMETHING, I TELL YA.
THE ADMIRATION IN THOSE KIDS' EYES...

HUH?
I GAVE ALL MY FLYERS TO KIDS.

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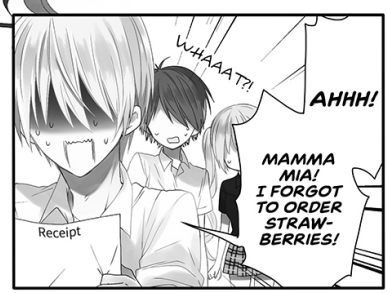
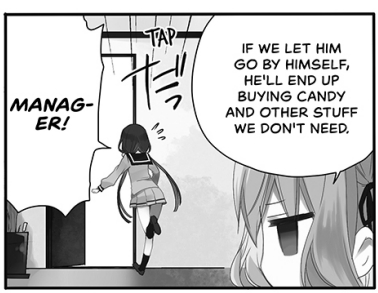
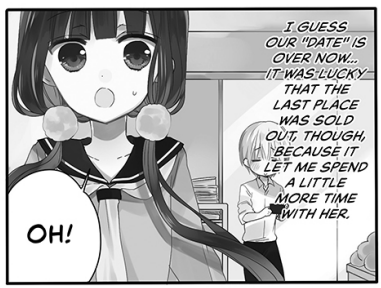


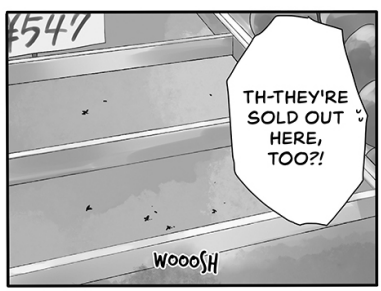


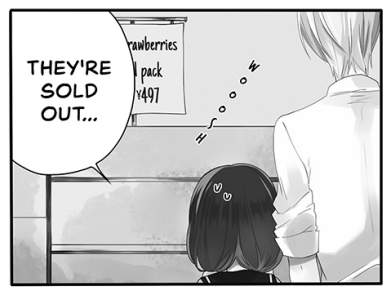
Lucky Supermarket
THERE ARE PLENTY OF STORES AROUND! AS LONG AS WE'RE BACK BEFORE THE CAFÉ OPENS, IT'LL BE FINE!
LET'S TRY THIS ONE!
SOUNDS GOOD!

LET'S START WITH THE CLOSEST SUPER-MARKET!
OKAY!


I GUESS OUR "DATE" IS OVER NOW... IT WAS LUCKY THAT THE LAST PLACE WAS SOLD OUT, THOUGH, BECAUSE IT LET ME SPEND A LITTLE MORE TIME WITH HER.
OH!

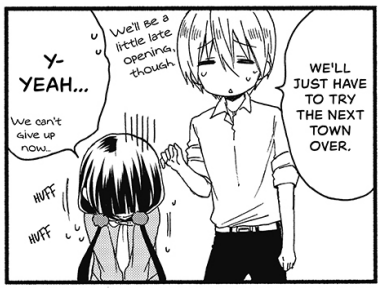
IT'S A SHAME WE WON'T BE DOING ANYTHING MORE THAN BUYING STRAW-BERRIES.
SHOPPING WITH MAIKA-SAN, JUST THE TWO OF US...
IT'S LIKE WE'RE ON A DATE!
OH!

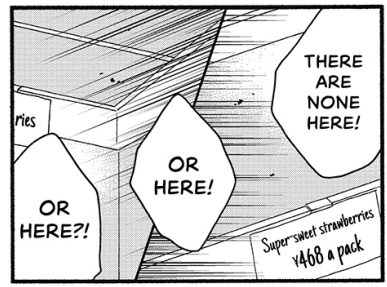

TH-THEY'RE SOLD OUT HERE, TOO?!
WOOOSH

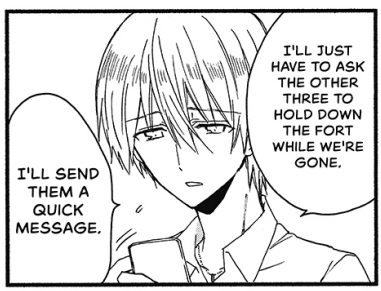

THEY'RE SOLD OUT...

WHY ARE YOU SMILING LIKE THAT?!
FWIP
FWIP

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY THE NEXT STORE!
WH-WHY DO YOU LOOK SO HAPPY ABOUT THAT?


Y-YEAH...
We'll be a little late opening, though.
We can't give up now...
HUFF
HUFF
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO TRY THE NEXT TOWN OVER.


OR HERE?!
OR HERE!
THERE ARE NONE HERE!
Super-sweet strawberries
¥468 a pack

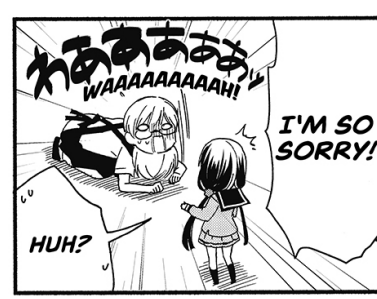

I'LL SEND THEM A QUICK MESSAGE.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO ASK THE OTHER THREE TO HOLD DOWN THE FORT WHILE WE'RE GONE.

YES?
EXCUSE ME!
TAP

Back
Manager
So sleepy
There are no strawberries anywhere
We're going to try the next town over
But it feels like a date, so I don't mind at all
No need to worry, everyone

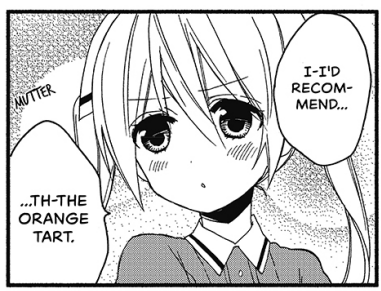
...FIND STRAW-BERRIES ANY-WHERE?!
GAH!
HUFF
HUFF
WHY CAN...
...WE NOT...
HUFF
Assistant's POV

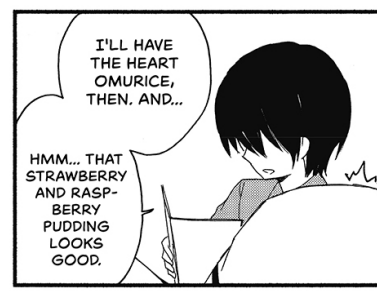
Grr...
WE'LL ADMINISTER HIS PUNISHMENT WHEN HE COMES BACK.

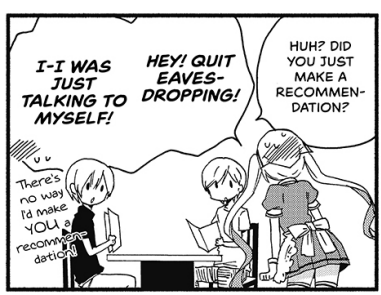

わあああああ
WAAAAAAAAAH!
I'M SO SORRY!
HUH?

LET'S SEE... WHAT SHOULD I GET TODAY?
OH, THIS LOOKS GOOD.

ONII-CHAN! TODAY, I RECOMMEND THE HEART OMURICE!
AND THE BANANA CRÊPES FOR DESSERT! ♡


I-I'D RECOM-MEND...
MUTTER
...TH-THE ORANGE TART.


I'LL HAVE THE HEART OMURICE, THEN. AND...
HMM... THAT STRAWBERRY AND RASP-BERRY PUDDING LOOKS GOOD.


I-I WAS JUST TALKING TO MYSELF!
HEY! QUIT EAVES-DROPPING!
HUH? DID YOU JUST MAKE A RECOMMEN-DATION?
There's no way I'd make YOU a recommendation!

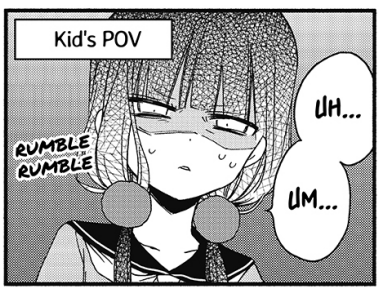
B-BUT I RECOM-MENDED...
WIBBLE
I RECOM-MENDED THE BANANA CRÊPES FOR YOU... ONII-CHAN...
AH!
WOBBLE

F-FINE! WAIT THERE!
I'LL HAVE THE ORANGE TART, PLEASE.
She's so tsundere ♥
HINATA'S NOT DOING TOO BAD, EITHER!

O-OH, YEAH! DEFINITELY! I LOVE THE SOUND OF THOSE BANANA CRÊPES!
I'll have those!
Phew.
YAY! THANKEE! ♡
WAY TO GO, MAFUYU-SAN!

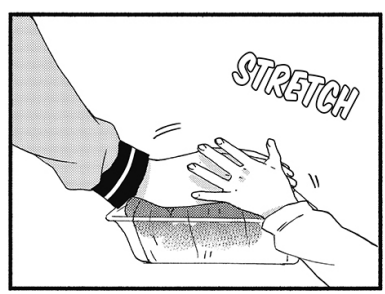
STARE
WHAT? A KID?
WH-WHAT NOW?

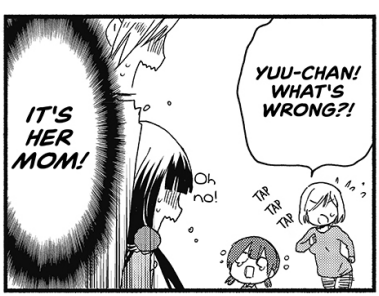
A supermarket in the next town
PLEASE LET THERE BE STRAWBERRIES HERE!


Kid's POV
RUMBLE RUMBLE
UH...
UM...

LOOK!
THERE'S ONLY ONE PACK LEFT, BUT WE'VE GOT IT!
STRAWBERRIES!

WAAAAAAAAH!
ぴぎあああああ
WHAT?!


STRETCH


YUU-CHAN! WHAT'S WRONG?!
IT'S HER MOM!
Oh, no!
TAP TAP TAP

HUH?
.....

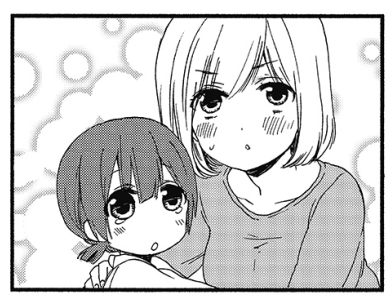
THOSE TWO SURE ARE TAKING THEIR SWEET TIME!
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE GRUMBLE
DAMMIT! WHY'S THERE GOTTA BE SO MANY CUSTOMERS TODAY?!
GRUMBLE GRUMBLE GRUMBLE

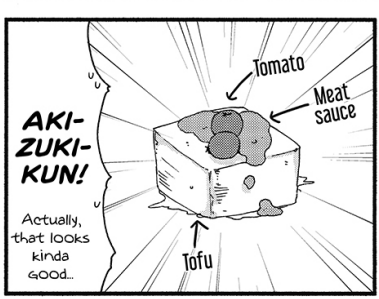
OH NO, OH NO, OH NO! WHAT DO I DO?!
DON'T WORRY, MAIKA-SAN. I'LL APOLOGIZE TO THEM.

AKIZUKI-KUN! WE JUST GOT FIVE MORE ORDERS!
Can you handle it?
Grr...

Dreamy
I'M SORRY! WE WERE IN A HURRY, AND...
PLEASE, HAVE THE STRAW-BERRIES.
...I THINK WE UPSET HER.

WAIT! YOU MEAN WE DID HAVE STRAWBERRIES?
HERE, STRAWBERRY AND RASP-BERRY PUDDING.
CLATTER




AKI-ZUKI-KUN!
Actually, that looks kinda good...
Tomato
Meat sauce
Tofu

Huh?
GRAB
OH, NO! YOU TAKE THEM! I INSIST!

GRAB
THAT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL!

THANK GOODNESS WE ENDED UP GETTING THE STRAWBERRIES!
NOW, LET'S GET...

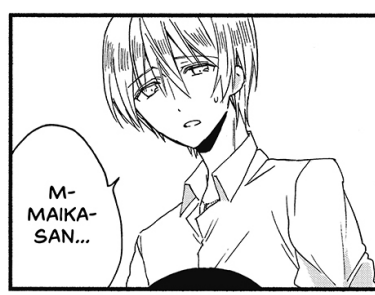
I LOVE YOUR EYES, MAIKA-SAN!
EVEN IF THEY SCARE PEOPLE, I THINK THEY'RE WONDERFUL!
THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU TO WORK AT THE CAFÉ!

MAIKA-SAN? WHAT'S WRONG?
GLOOM
I...

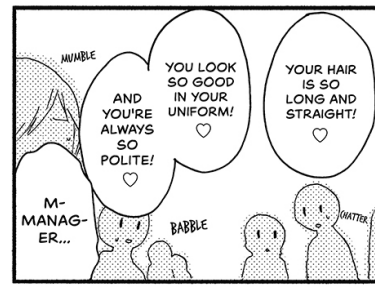
GLOW
AND I'M SURE OUR CUSTOMERS LOVE THEM, TOO.
SO PLEASE DON'T SAY YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT TO SERVE THEM.
MANAGER...

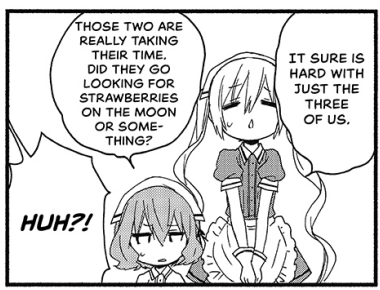
YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED BACK THERE, DIDN'T YOU?
THE SCARY LOOK IN MY EYES MADE THAT GIRL CRY.
I DON'T THINK I'M CUT OUT FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE...

PLUS, YOU HAVE SUCH LOVELY DARK HAIR! ♡
HUH?!


M-MAIKA-SAN...

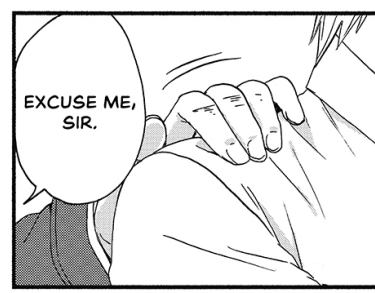
PHEW...
IT'S FINALLY A LITTLE QUIETER IN HERE.

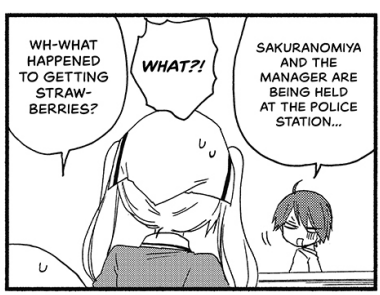

YOUR HAIR IS SO LONG AND STRAIGHT! ♡
YOU LOOK SO GOOD IN YOUR UNIFORM! ♡
AND YOU'RE ALWAYS SO POLITE! ♡
MUMBLE
M-MANAG-ER...
BABBLE
CHATTER


IT SURE IS HARD WITH JUST THE THREE OF US.
THOSE TWO ARE REALLY TAKING THEIR TIME. DID THEY GO LOOKING FOR STRAWBERRIES ON THE MOON OR SOME-THING?
HUH?!

EVEN THOUGH YOU TRY TO BE SO SERIOUS, YOU'RE ALWAYS SO SADISTIC BY ACCIDENT! IT'S SO MOE! I LOVE IT! ♡
Hnnh ♡
Hnnh ♡
Hnnh ♡

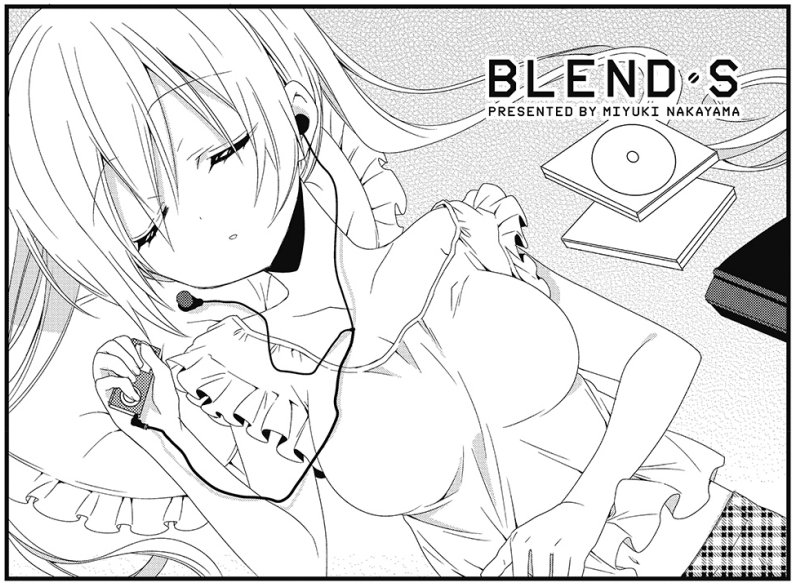
GOT IT...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
SIGH


EXCUSE ME, SIR.

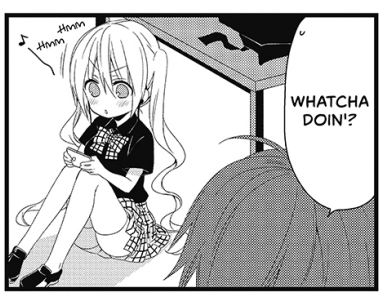

SAKURANOMIYA AND THE MANAGER ARE BEING HELD AT THE POLICE STATION...
WHAT?!
WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO GETTING STRAW-BERRIES?

WOULD YOU MIND COMING WITH ME?

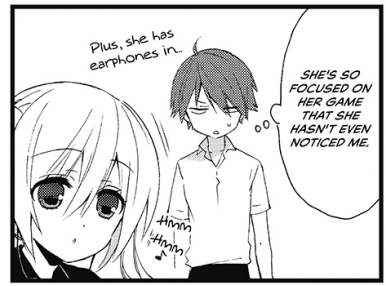
This is molto delizioso, Akizuki-san!
Seri-ously?!

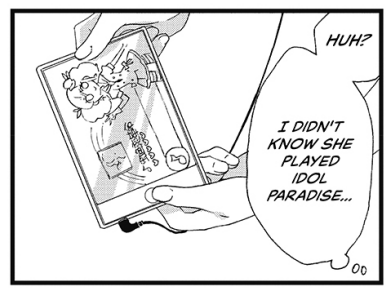

BLEND·S
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

ANOTHER DAY OVER AND DONE WITH...


Hmm
Hmm
WHATCHA DOIN'?

THAT'S RIGHT! THE NEW VOLUME IS OUT TODAY! I GOTTA HIT THE BOOKSTORE ON MY WAY HOME!
GOTTA GET THOSE IN-STORE BONUSES!





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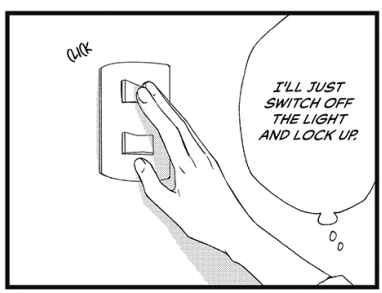
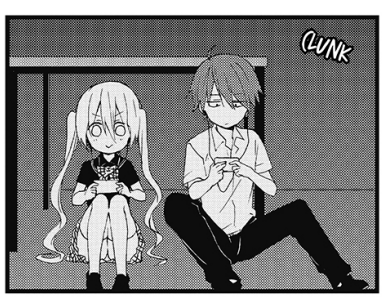
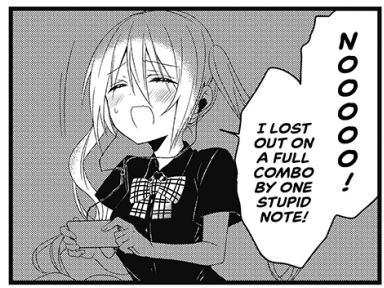


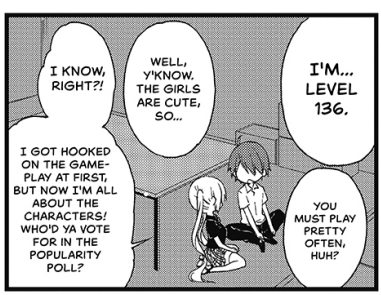


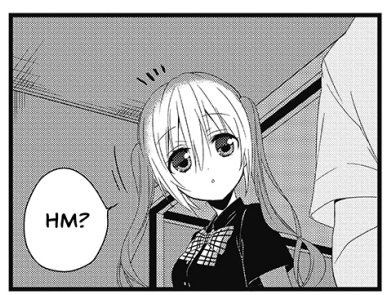
UH-OH. I GOT TOO INTO IT...
Huh?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, AKIZUKI-KUN?


NOOOOOO!
I LOST OUT ON A FULL COMBO BY ONE STUPID NOTE!

WHAT?! YOU PLAY IDOL PARADISE TOO, AKIZUKI-KUN?! SINCE WHEN?! WHAT LEVEL ARE YOU?!
Why're you sittin' on the floor, though?
It's how I play at home.
I SAW YOU PLAYING, AND IT KINDA MADE ME WANNA PLAY, TOO...
Add me! Add me!

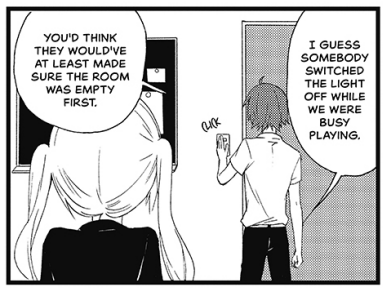
W-WAIT...
HOW COME IT'S SO DARK IN HERE?

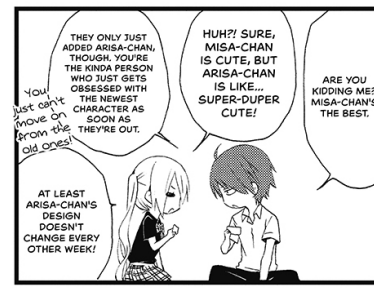

I KNOW, RIGHT?!
WELL, Y'KNOW, THE GIRLS ARE CUTE, SO...
I'M... LEVEL 136.
I GOT HOOKED ON THE GAME-PLAY AT FIRST, BUT NOW I'M ALL ABOUT THE CHARACTERS! WHO'D YA VOTE FOR IN THE POPULARITY POLL?
YOU MUST PLAY PRETTY OFTEN, HUH?


HM?

I WENT FOR MISA-ARISA-CHAN. CHAN!
.....

FLINCH
STARE
WHAT THE—?!


YOU'D THINK THEY WOULD'VE AT LEAST MADE SURE THE ROOM WAS EMPTY FIRST.
I GUESS SOMEBODY SWITCHED THE LIGHT OFF WHILE WE WERE BUSY PLAYING.
CLICK


THEY ONLY JUST ADDED ARISA-CHAN, THOUGH. YOU'RE THE KINDA PERSON WHO JUST GETS OBSESSED WITH THE NEWEST CHARACTER AS SOON AS THEY'RE OUT.
HUH?! SURE, MISA-CHAN IS CUTE, BUT ARISA-CHAN IS LIKE... SUPER-DUPER CUTE!
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? MISA-CHAN'S THE BEST.
You just can't move on from the old ones!
AT LEAST ARISA-CHAN'S DESIGN DOESN'T CHANGE EVERY OTHER WEEK!

WHAT?! YOU'RE KIDDING! HOW ARE WE GONNA GET OUTTA HERE?!
...HUH? THE DOOR'S LOCKED.
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

Hmph.

YOU MEAN WE'RE STUCK HERE FOR THE NIGHT?
THE MANAGER MUST'VE LOCKED UP ALREADY.
NAH. I BET HE'S STILL AROUND.
HEEEY! MANAGER!
BANG
BANG
BANG

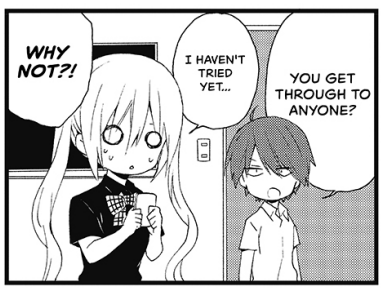
Hm?

Not listening
sigh
I'LL SEE YOU TOMOR-ROW, THEN!
IT'S ALWAYS SO SAD TO SEE YOU LEAVE FOR THE DAY.
I'M WORKING TOMORROW, TOO!
BANG
BANG

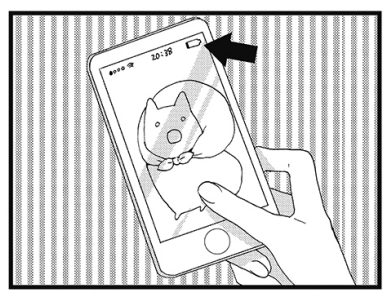
GAHHH!
JUMP
H-HEY! WHY IS THE ROOM SO DARK?!
WAIT, YOU ONLY JUST NOTICED THAT, AKIZUKI-KUN?

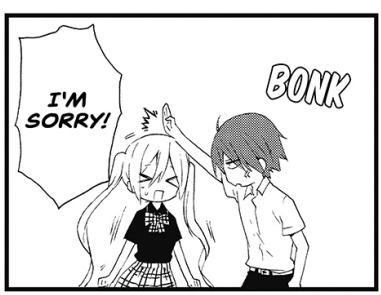
DAMMIT. HE'S NOT PICKING UP.
The heck is he doing?

'KAY!
I'LL GIVE HIM A CALL, SO YOU TRY CALLING SOMEONE ELSE.
GUESS HE'S GONE.


WHY NOT?!
I HAVEN'T TRIED YET...
YOU GET THROUGH TO ANYONE?

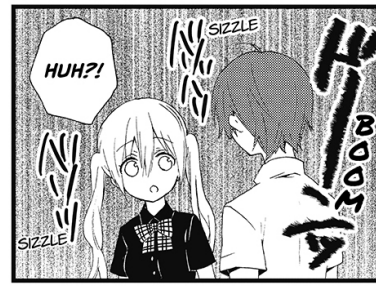
I CAN'T... I CAN'T DO IT.
IF I CALL SOMEONE, I WON'T HAVE ENOUGH BATTERY LEFT TO PLAY MY GAME...

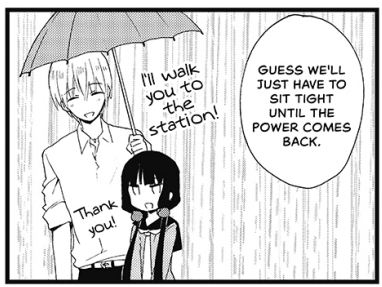



I'M SORRY!
BONK

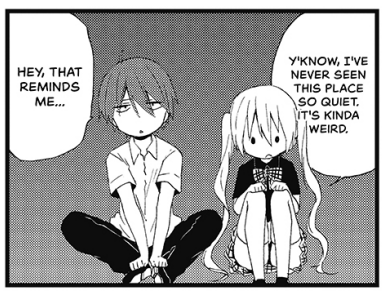
Uh...

THE MANAGER STILL ISN'T PICKING UP.
S-SORRY! I WAS HAVING FLASH-BACKS...


HUH?!
SIZZLE
SIZZLE
BOOM


I'll walk you to the station!
Thank you!
GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO SIT TIGHT UNTIL THE POWER COMES BACK.

FWUMP
WHAT?!
A BLACK-OUT?! WAS THAT LIGHTNING WE JUST HEARD?!

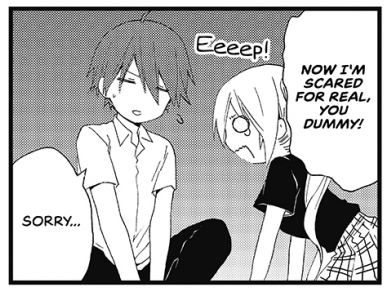

HEY, THAT REMINDS ME...
Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS PLACE SO QUIET. IT'S KINDA WEIRD.

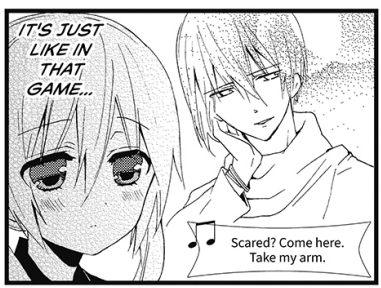
HINATA?!
EEEEEEK!

D'YOU THINK THIS PLACE MIGHT BE HAUNTED?
WHY'RE YOU ASKING ME THAT NOW?!

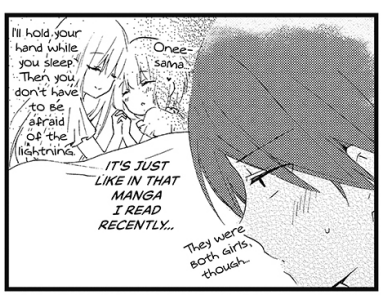
NOOO! I HATE BLACKOUTS! I'M GONNA LOSE MY DATA! I DIDN'T SAVE! I CAN'T EVEN TURN ON MY PC! I'M GONNA DIEEE!
THE HELL'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
FLAP
FLAP

A SITUATION LIKE THIS...

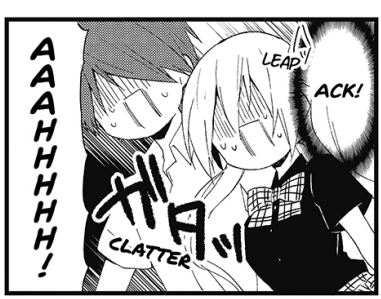

Eeeep!
NOW I'M SCARED FOR REAL, YOU DUMMY!
SORRY...


IT'S JUST LIKE IN THAT GAME...
Scared? Come here. Take my arm.

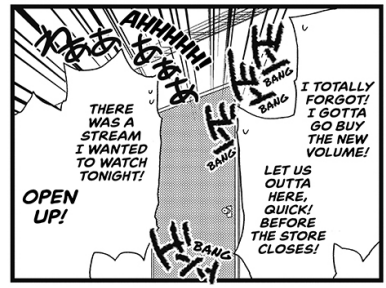
HUH?!
GIMME YOUR ARM! THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR SCARING ME!
GRAB


I'll hold your hand while you sleep. Then you don't have to be afraid of the lightning.
Onee-sama.
IT'S JUST LIKE IN THAT MANGA I READ RECENTLY...
They were both girls, though.

Sigh

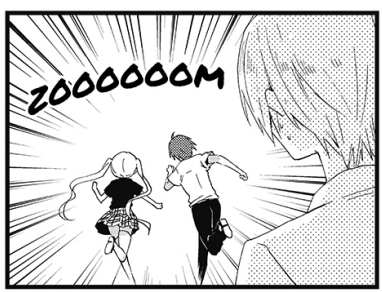

AAAHHHHH!
LEAD
ACK!
CLATTER

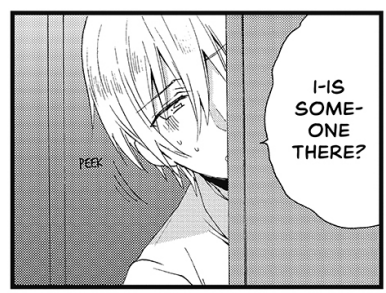
I'M GONNA KILL YOU IF THE STORE'S CLOSED WHEN I GET THERE, YOU LOUSY MANAGER!
IF I DON'T GET MY HANDS ON THE NEW VOLUME, I'M GONNA SMASH YOUR FIGURES ONE BY ONE SO YOU CAN FEEL MY PAIN!


AHHHHH!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
I TOTALLY FORGOT! I GOTTA GO BUY THE NEW VOLUME!
THERE WAS A STREAM I WANTED TO WATCH TONIGHT!
OPEN UP!
LET US OUTTA HERE, QUICK! BEFORE THE STORE CLOSES!

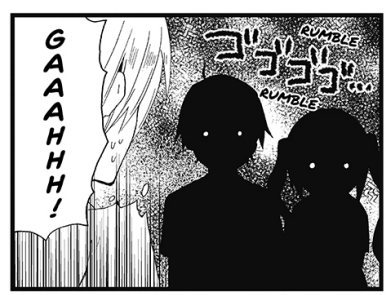
STUPID MANAGER! IF I'M LATE FOR THE STREAM...
...I'LL SMASH ONE OF YOUR PRECIOUS FIGURES FOR EACH MINUTE I MISS!

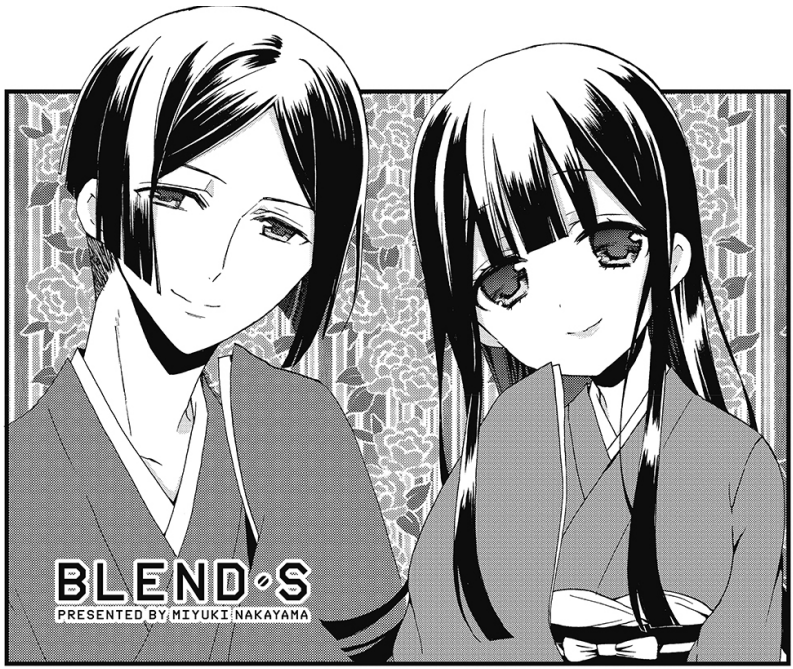
TWITCH
EEK!
WH-WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
BANG
BANG
SLAM
BANG
RATTLE
RATTLE


ZOOOOOOM

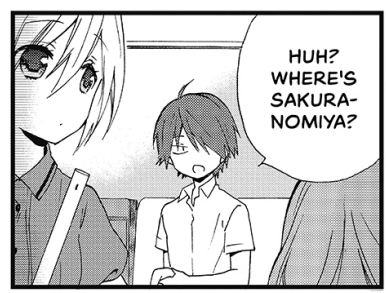

I-IS SOME-ONE THERE?
PEEK

WH-WHAT JUST HAP-PENED?
WHATEVER IT WAS, I SHOULD PROBABLY HIDE MY FIGURES...


GAAAAHHH!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE


BLEND·S
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

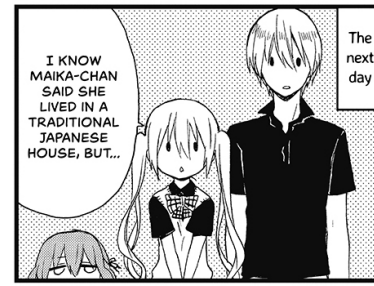
WE'RE GONNA VISIT HER ON OUR WAY BACK FROM SCHOOL TOMORROW!
KAHO! YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO TELL HIM!

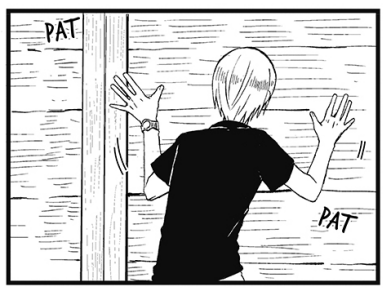

HUH? WHERE'S SAKURA-NOMIYA?

I'LL COME WITH YOU!
UGH. TOO LATE.

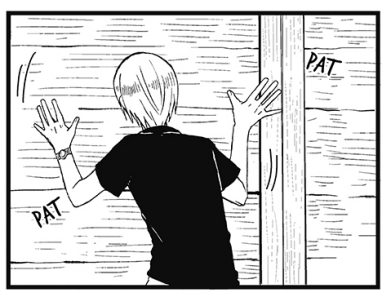
SHE'S OUT WITH A COLD TODAY.
I could fall asleep from the shock.
OH.
That doesn't mean you can slack off, though.

MAYBE AROUND HERE...
THERE MUST BE A DOORBELL SOME-WHERE.


The next day
I KNOW MAIKA-CHAN SAID SHE LIVED IN A TRADITIONAL JAPANESE HOUSE, BUT...


PAT
PAT

...THIS IS WAY MORE TRADITIONAL THAN I EXPECTED!
You can't even see the house 'cause of this gate.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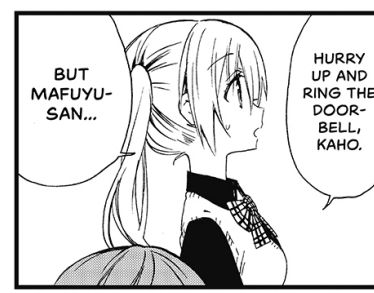
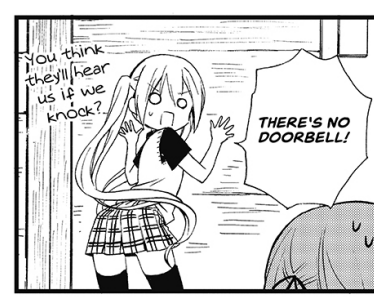
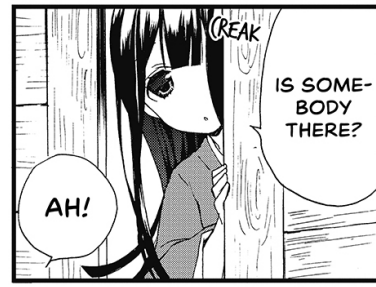

BUT MAFUYU-SAN...
HURRY UP AND RING THE DOOR-BELL, KAHO.

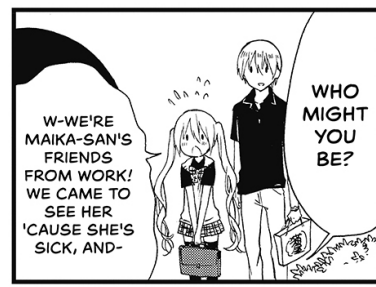
EXCUSE ME, SIR. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
GAAAHHH!
PLONK
Not again!


You think they'll hear us if we knock?
THERE'S NO DOORBELL!

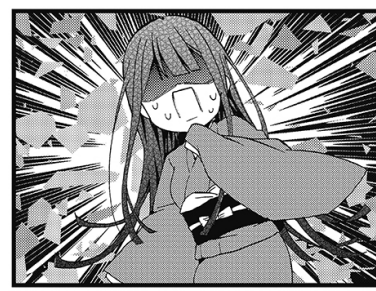
I'M MAIKA'S ELDER SISTER.
MY NAME IS AIKA.


CREAK
IS SOMEBODY THERE?
AH!

THANK YOU EVER SO MUCH FOR GOING OUT OF YOUR WAY TO COME SEE MY SISTER.
PLEASE, RIGHT THIS WAY.


WHO MIGHT YOU BE?
W-WE'RE MAIKA-SAN'S FRIENDS FROM WORK! WE CAME TO SEE HER 'CAUSE SHE'S SICK, AND-

MANAGER! DON'T FORGET YOUR MANNERS! THIS IS SOMEONE ELSE'S HOUSE, YOU KNOW!
SH-SHE REALLY IS MAIKA-SAN'S SISTER!
Haah!
BLACK HAIR! TRADITIONAL JAPANESE DRESS! SHE'S PERFECT!
C'MON, GUYS...
This must be heaven!



BAM
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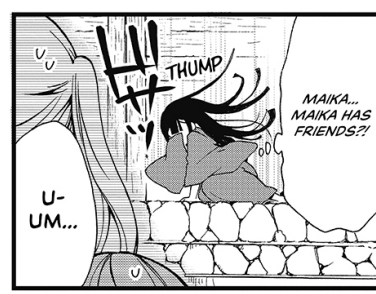
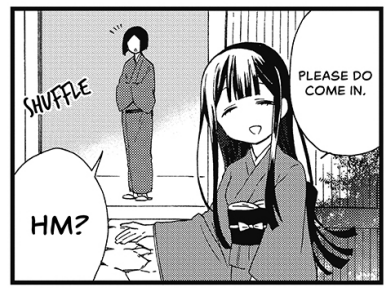
ARE WE GOING IN, OR WHAT?
IT'S HUGE!


THUMP
MAIKA... MAIKA HAS FRIENDS?!
U-UM...

I AM MAIKA'S ELDER BROTHER.
MY NAME IS KOUICHI.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING TO SEE OUR SISTER TODAY.

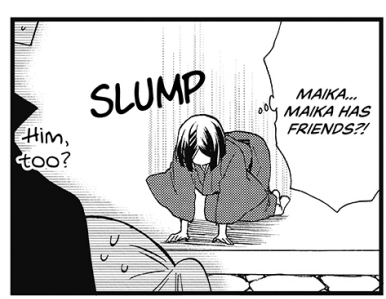

PLEASE DO COME IN.
SHUFFLE
HM?

HER BROTHER HAS STRAIGHT DARK HAIR AND IS WEARING TRADITIONAL CLOTHING, TOO...
IT'S KINDA NEAT HOW THEY ALL MATCH.

WE HAVE GUESTS?
LISTEN TO THIS, KOUICHI-SAN! THEY SAY THEY'RE MAIKA'S FRIENDS!

Ha!
DON'T GET TOO WORKED UP NOW, MANAGER! REMEMBER WHAT I SAID ABOUT MANNERS!

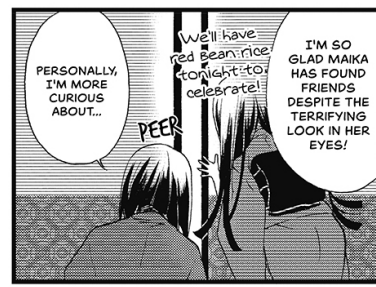
WHA— NO REAC-TION?!
...
IT'S LIKE HE'S NOT EVEN TRYING TO HIDE HIS INTEN-TIONS!


SLUMP
MAIKA... MAIKA HAS FRIENDS?!
Him, too?

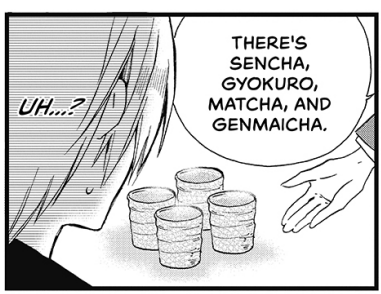
PARDON ME!
ONEE-SAN?!
MAIKA

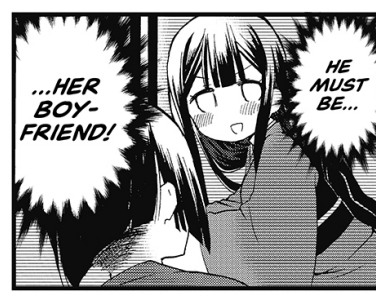
Maika-san!
Hello, everyone!
Thank you.
We came to check on you!
You look well.
Yoo-hoo!

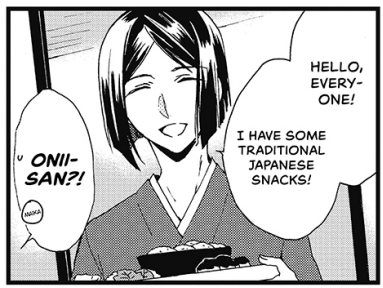
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
PLEASE, HAVE SOME TEA.
CLATTER


PERSONALLY, I'M MORE CURIOUS ABOUT...
We'll have red bean rice tonight to celebrate!
PEER
I'M SO GLAD MAIKA HAS FOUND FRIENDS DESPITE THE TERRIFYING LOOK IN HER EYES!

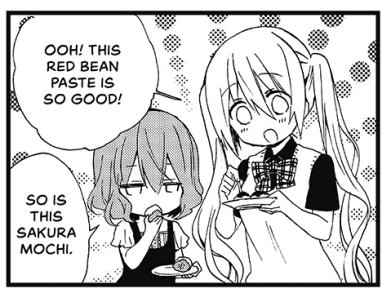
THANK YOU!
I'VE PREPARED SOME WONDERFUL JAPANESE TEA THAT YOU MAY NOT HAVE COME ACROSS YET DURING YOUR TIME HERE.


UH...?
THERE'S SENCHA, GYOKURO, MATCHA, AND GENMAICHA.


...HER BOY-FRIEND!
HE MUST BE...


HELLO, EVERY-ONE!
I HAVE SOME TRADITIONAL JAPANESE SNACKS!
ONII-SAN?!
MUFF

GLUG
GLUG
GLUG
That's hot!
WELL, SHE WENT OUT OF HER WAY TO PREPARE ALL THESE FOR ME.
IT WOULD BE RUDE TO LEAVE EVEN A SINGLE DROP!

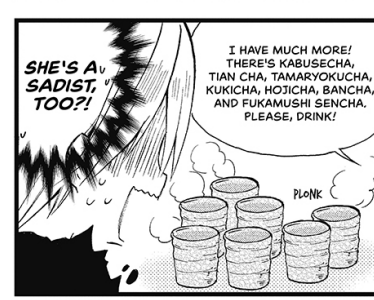

OOH! THIS RED BEAN PASTE IS SO GOOD!
SO IS THIS SAKURA MOCHI.

TH-THANK YOU! THEY WERE DELICIOUS!
Haah
OH, REALLY?!

I PREPARED SOME RICE CRACKERS, TOO. I BELIEVE THEY'RE SIMILAR TO THE SNACKS YOU HAVE ABROAD.
TH-THANK YOU.
PLEASE TRY SOME!

AS MAIKA'S— NO, I'M SORRY.
...I KNEW YOU'D ENJOY THEM!
AS A FOREIGNER...

OOH! YOU'RE SO TOUCHED THAT YOU'RE CRYING TEARS OF JOY! THERE ARE PLENTY, SO PLEASE HAVE AS MANY AS YOU'D LIKE!
It's so hard!
ANOTHER SADIST!


SHE'S A SADIST, TOO?!
I HAVE MUCH MORE! THERE'S KABUSECHA, TIAN CHA, TAMARYOKUCHA, KUKICHA, HOJICHA, BANCHA, AND FUKAMUSHI SENCHA. PLEASE, DRINK!
PLONK

THEY'RE CERTAINLY... ENTHUSIASTIC.
SIGH
MAIKA?

SO...
PRESS
WH-WHERE? WE MET IN... IN FRONT OF THE CAFÉ.
WHERE DID YOU FIRST MEET MAIKA?
DID YOU, NOW?

HEHEHE...
WE CERTAINLY LEARNED A LOT.
WE NOW KNOW EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT DINO-SAN!

WHAT WAS THE TEMPERATURE OUTSIDE?
AND WHAT TIME?
WHAT DATE WAS IT, EXACTLY?
HOW WAS THE WEATHER?
You're making him uncomfortable...
Onii-san...
Onee-san...
ER...
UM...
UM... IT WAS APRIL...

YES!
BY DOING THAT, HE'LL DEFINITELY TAKE A LIKING TO US. THEN HE'LL DECIDE TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE WITH MAIKA AND JOIN OUR FAMILY!
WITH THIS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO MAKE HIM FEEL AS WELCOME AS POSSIBLE EACH TIME HE VISITS!
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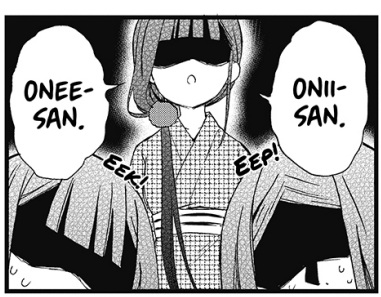
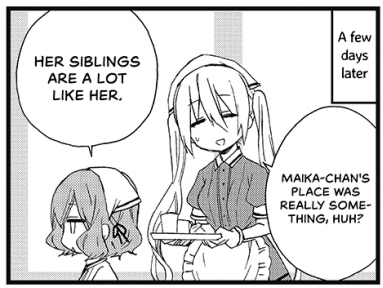
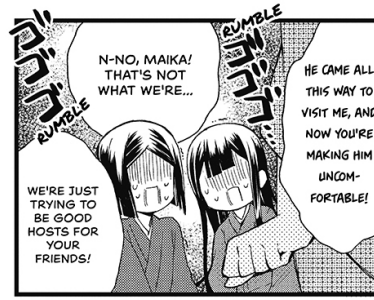
WHAT WAS THE FIRST THING YOU SAID TO HER?
WHAT CLOTHES WERE YOU WEARING?
HOW DID YOU FEEL?


ONEE-SAN.
ONII-SAN.
EEK!
EEP!

IS THIS... AN INTERROGATION?


A few days later
HER SIBLINGS ARE A LOT LIKE HER.
MAIKA-CHAN'S PLACE WAS REALLY SOMETHING, HUH?


N-NO, MAIKA! THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
HE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO VISIT ME, AND NOW YOU'RE MAKING HIM UNCOMFORTABLE!
WE'RE JUST TRYING TO BE GOOD HOSTS FOR YOUR FRIENDS!

I WONDER IF THE WHOLE "ACCIDENTAL SADIST" THING IS SOMETHING SHE GOT FROM HER PARENTS.
EVEN IF IT IS, I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING A LITTLE SPECIAL ABOUT MAIKA'S SADISM.

IF YOU TWO KEEP THIS UP...
...I'LL GIVE YOU MY COLD.
AND THEN I WON'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING TO EAT OR DRINK EXCEPT BURNING-HOT TEA AND ROCK-SOLID RICE CRACKERS.

WHERE'S THE MANAGER TODAY, BY THE WAY?
OH, RIGHT.

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEK!
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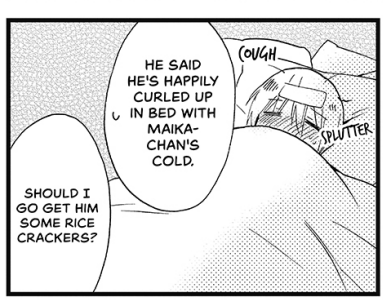
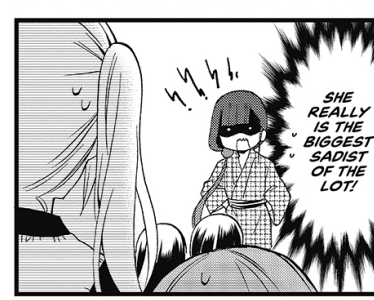

COUGH
SPLUTTER
HE SAID HE'S HAPPILY CURLED UP IN BED WITH MAIKA-CHAN'S COLD.
SHOULD I GO GET HIM SOME RICE CRACKERS?


SHE REALLY IS THE BIGGEST SADIST OF THE LOT!

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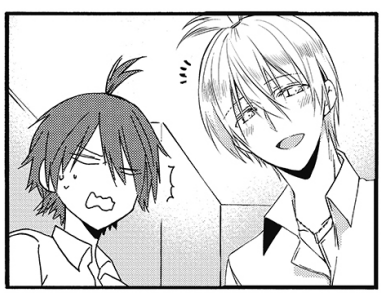
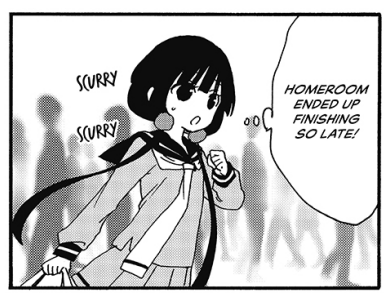
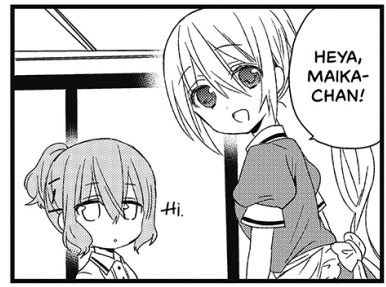



SCURRY
SCURRY
HOMEROOM ENDED UP FINISHING SO LATE!

SLAM
??
MAIKA-SAN?!

PANT
PANT
HELLO! SORRY I'M LA-
CLICK

I gotta use a ton of pins for the loose ends.
YOU TWO ARE FINE, 'CAUSE YOUR HAIR IS LONG.
WHY DON'TCHA GROW IT OUT A BIT? THEN YOU CAN TRY ALL SORTS OF STYLES!
BUT IT'S KINDA DIFFICULT WITH MY HAIR THIS SHORT.

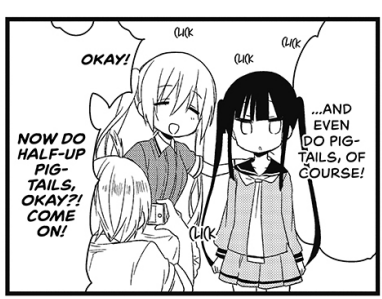

HEYA, MAIKA-CHAN!
Hi.

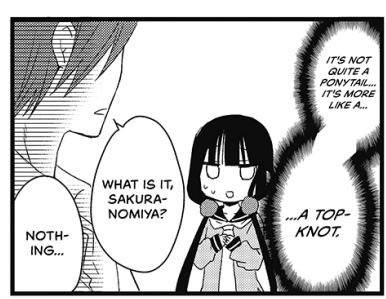
CLICK
CLICK
YOU CAN BRAID IT...

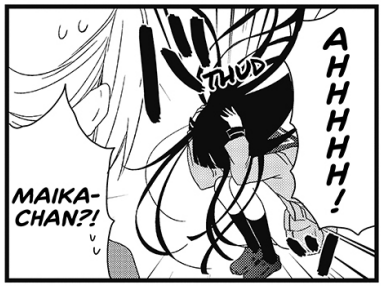
YOUR HAIR IS DIFFERENT TODAY...
HELLO, KAHO-SAN. HELLO, MAFUYU-SAN.
YUP! IT'S PONYTAIL DAY! WE'RE SERVING THE CUSTOMERS LIKE THIS TODAY!

CLICK
CLICK
...PUT IT INTO BUNS...

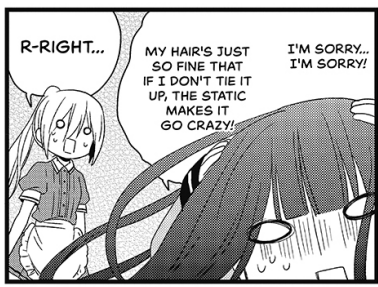
FWIP
IT LOOKS GOOD!
SHUT UP.
I STILL DON'T GET WHY I GOTTA HAVE ONE TOO.
IT'S CAUSE WE ALL GOTTA MATCH! DUH!


CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
OKAY!
NOW DO HALF-UP PIG-TAILS, OKAY?! COME ON!
...AND EVEN DO PIG-TAILS, OF COURSE!
CLICK

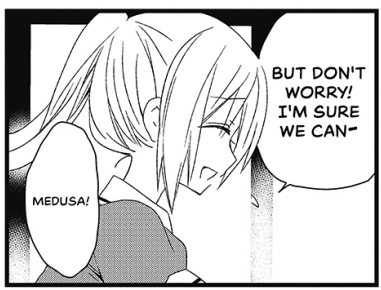

IT'S NOT QUITE A PONYTAIL... IT'S MORE LIKE A...
WHAT IS IT, SAKURA-NOMIYA?
...A TOP-KNOT.
NOTH-ING...

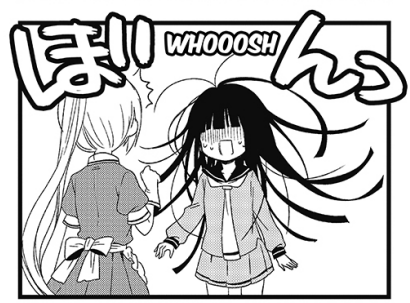

AHHHHH!
THUD
MAIKA-CHAN?!

I THINK JUST WEARING YOUR HAIR DOWN WOULD BE THE BEST LOOK FOR YOU, THOUGH, MAIKA-CHAN.
Hehe
ON THE OTHER HAND, THAT'S SUCH A BASIC HAIRSTYLE THAT IT WOULDN'T GIVE HER MUCH PERSONALITY.
All the girls with hair like that look the same
You'd never be able to pick her out of a crowd


I'M SORRY... I'M SORRY!
MY HAIR'S JUST SO FINE THAT IF I DON'T TIE IT UP, THE STATIC MAKES IT GO CRAZY!
R-RIGHT...

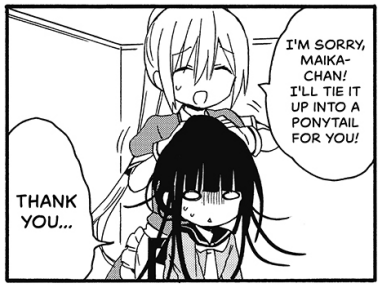
DON'T WORRY! MAIKA-CHAN'S GOT SO MUCH PERSONALITY, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT HAIRSTYLE SHE WEARS!
Here!
SLIP
AH! N-NO, WAIT!


BUT DON'T WORRY! I'M SURE WE CAN-
MEDUSA!


WHOOOSH

SEA URCHIN!
SOOT SPRITE!
STATICKY SQUID!
SPIKY GORI-LLA!
DO SOME-THING! SHE'S GETTING FLASH-BACKS!
MAIKA-CHAN! COME BACK TO US!

THAT'S A LOTTA PERSON-ALITY...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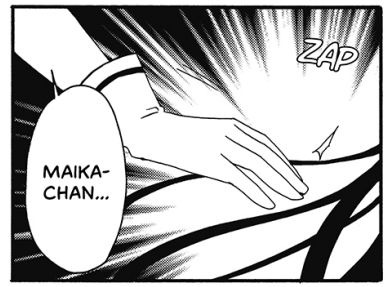
THANK YOU...


ZAP
MAIKA-CHAN...

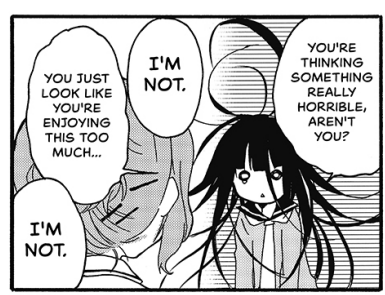
SORRY FOR BRINGING EVERYONE DOWN...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF MY STUPID HAIR...
しょぼ...
SNIFF

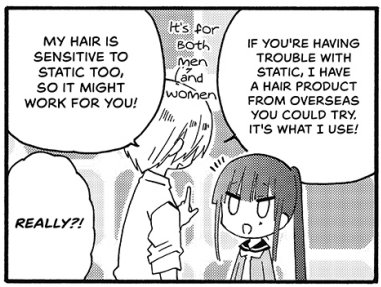
EEEEEEK!
CURL
へなあ

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, MAIKA-SAN!
I KNOW! SINCE YOUR HAIR'S SENSITIVE TO STATIC...
FWIP

MAFUYU-SAN...

SWISH
SWISH
SWISH
SLAP
SMACK
I CAN'T BE LIKE THIS WHEN I HAVE CUSTOMERS TO SERVE!
SMILE! SMILE! I NEED TO CHEER UP!


YOU'RE THINKING SOMETHING REALLY HORRIBLE, AREN'T YOU?
I'M NOT.
YOU JUST LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING THIS TOO MUCH...
I'M NOT.


MY HAIR IS SENSITIVE TO STATIC TOO, SO IT MIGHT WORK FOR YOU!
It's for both men and women
IF YOU'RE HAVING TROUBLE WITH STATIC, I HAVE A HAIR PRODUCT FROM OVERSEAS YOU COULD TRY. IT'S WHAT I USE!
REALLY?!

Y-YOUR HAIR'S HITTING ME IN THE FACE, MAIKA-SAN...

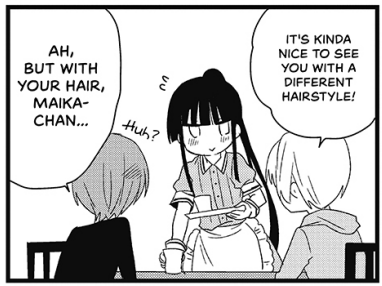
I'LL HAVE TO ASK MY FAMILY TO SEND ME SOME, SO IT MIGHT TAKE A FEW DAYS. IS THAT OKAY?
THAT'S FINE! THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I'M...
I'M SO-
SMACK

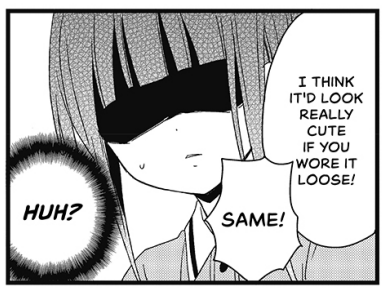
I'LL ASK THEM TODAY, THEN!

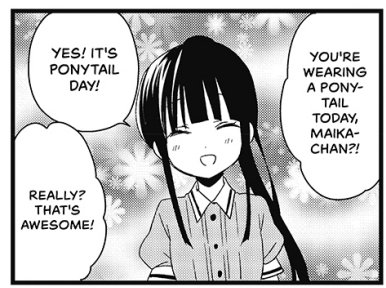
WHAT? MY HAIR?
REAL SMOOTH.
Even if you didn't do it on purpose.

I'M SORRY!
I-IT WAS JUST MY HAIR! I DIDN'T MEAN TO WHIP YOU!
I-I FIGURED YOU WOULD HAVE A TALENT FOR WHIPPING PEOPLE.


AH, BUT WITH YOUR HAIR, MAIKA-CHAN...
IT'S KINDA NICE TO SEE YOU WITH A DIFFERENT HAIRSTYLE!
Huh,?

WELCOME!
WHOA!


I THINK IT'D LOOK REALLY CUTE IF YOU WORE IT LOOSE!
HUH?
SAME!


YES! IT'S PONYTAIL DAY!
YOU'RE WEARING A PONY-TAIL TODAY, MAIKA-CHAN?!
REALLY? THAT'S AWESOME!

I REALLY AM...
BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING I CAN GIVE THEM... I'M...
IS THAT REALLY WHAT EVERY-BODY WANTS?
HEY, MAIKA-CHAN! WOULD YOU WEAR YOUR HAIR DOWN FOR US NEXT TIME?

THIS MUST BE THE TRUE MEANING OF CUSTOMER SERVICE!
WOW! EVEN THOUGH ALL I DID WAS CHANGE MY HAIR-STYLE, THE CUSTOMERS SEEM SO HAPPY!
OH, BUT...
GLOW

...THE WORST.
PUNCH
OH, UM...
SORRY... I GOT CARRIED AWAY...

YEAH, I AGREE!
I THINK WEARING IT LOOSE WOULD SUIT YOUR STRAIGHT, DARK HAIR BETTER!
HUH?

A few days later
MAIKA-SAN! THE PRODUCT ARRIVED!
You should try it out!
THANK YOU!

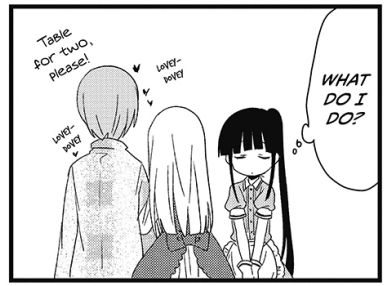
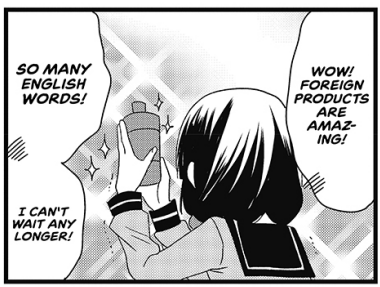
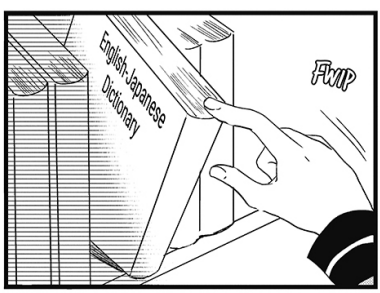


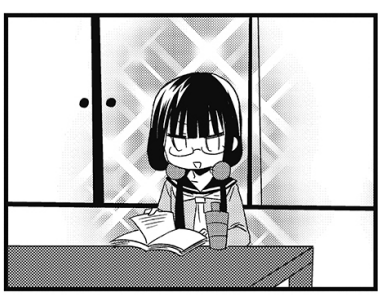
Table for two, please!
Lovey-dovey!
Lovey-dovey!
WHAT DO I DO?

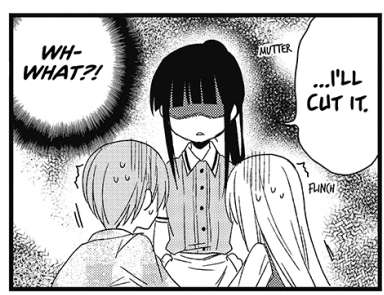

WOW! FOREIGN PRODUCTS ARE AMAZ-ING!
SO MANY ENGLISH WORDS!
I CAN'T WAIT ANY LONGER!

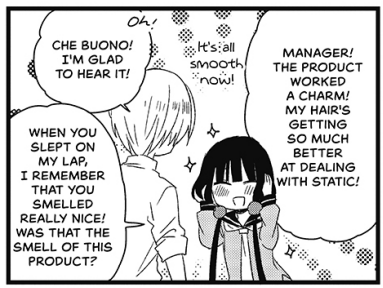
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT SOMETHING LIKE HAIR WOULD BE SUCH AN ISSUE...
CUSTOMER SERVICE IS TRICKIER THAN I THOUGHT...
WHAT DO YOU WANNA EAT?
Lovey-dovey!
Lovey-dovey!
SHALL WE GET THE SAME THING?
OH, I KNOW!


English-Japanese Dictionary
FLIP

IF THE MANAGER'S PRODUCT DOESN'T WORK ON MY HAIR, I'LL...
I'LL...
Lovey-dovey!
Lovey-dovey!
Let's put on the red-string charms we got at the shrine just now!
It's like the red string that connects us!
Just kidding
Teehee!

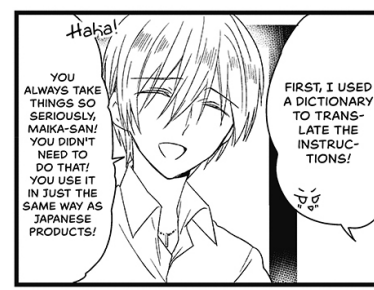



WH-WHAT?!
MUTTER
...I'LL CUT IT.
FLINCH


MANAGER! THE PRODUCT WORKED A CHARM! MY HAIR'S GETTING SO MUCH BETTER AT DEALING WITH STATIC!
It's all smooth now!
Oh!
CHE BUONO! I'M GLAD TO HEAR IT!
WHEN YOU SLEPT ON MY LAP, I REMEMBER THAT YOU SMELLED REALLY NICE! WAS THAT THE SMELL OF THIS PRODUCT?

DID YOU TRY OUT THE HAIR PRODUCT, MAIKA-SAN? HOW WAS IT?
IT WAS SIMPLY AMAZING!

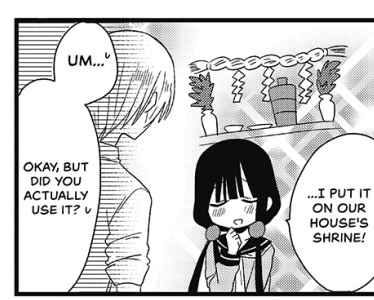
WE SMELL THE SAME NOW!
AND IT'S SUCH A NICE SMELL, TOO!


Haha!
YOU ALWAYS TAKE THINGS SO SERIOUSLY, MAIKA-SAN! YOU DIDN'T NEED TO DO THAT! YOU USE IT IN JUST THE SAME WAY AS JAPANESE PRODUCTS!
FIRST, I USED A DICTIONARY TO TRANS-LATE THE INSTRUC-TIONS!

We smell... the same...
DRIP...

THE INSTRUC-TIONS, THE INGREDI-ENTS, THE PRODUCT INFORMA-TION...
I TRANS-LATED THEM ALL! AND THEN...

THUD
MANAGER?!
Your nose is bleeding!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DID THIS ON ACCIDENT...

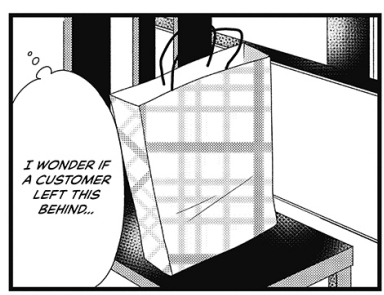

UM...
OKAY, BUT DID YOU ACTUALLY USE IT?
...I PUT IT ON OUR HOUSE'S SHRINE!

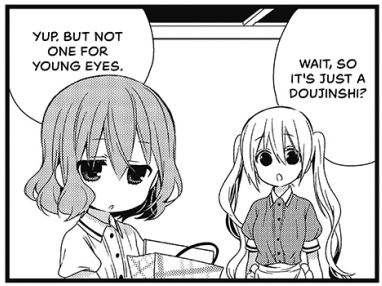
BLEND-S
PRESENTED BY MIYUKI NAKAYAMA

RUSTLE
WHAT IS IT?

I'M HAPPY WITH HOW HARD I WORKED TODAY!
OH!

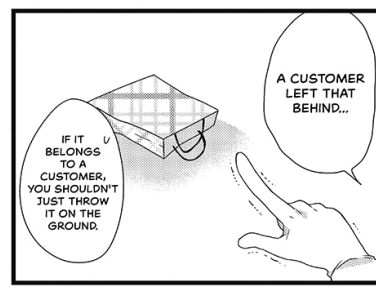
CRASH
EEEEEEEEEK!

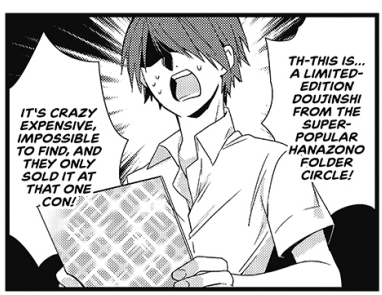

I WONDER IF A CUSTOMER LEFT THIS BEHIND...

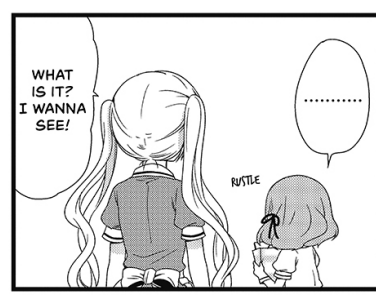

YUP. BUT NOT ONE FOR YOUNG EYES.
WAIT, SO IT'S JUST A DOUJINSHI?

WHAT'S WRONG, MAIKA?
U-UM...

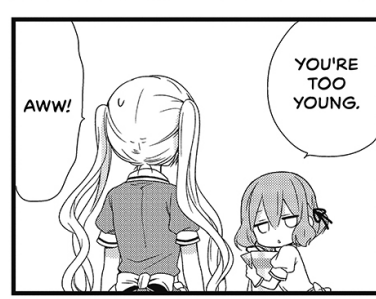
HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON?
A CUSTOMER LEFT THIS BEHIND.


A CUSTOMER LEFT THAT BEHIND...
IF IT BELONGS TO A CUSTOMER, YOU SHOULDN'T JUST THROW IT ON THE GROUND.


TH-THIS IS... A LIMITED-EDITION DOUJINSHI FROM THE SUPER-POPULAR HANAZONO FOLDER CIRCLE!
IT'S CRAZY EXPENSIVE, IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND, AND THEY ONLY SOLD IT AT THAT ONE CON!


.....
WHAT IS IT? I WANNA SEE!
RUSTLE

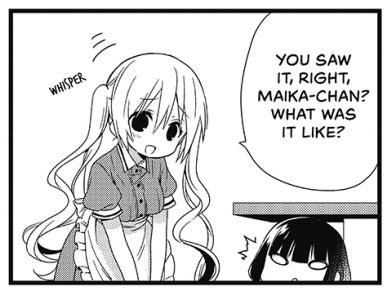
A GROUP THAT PUBLISHES BOOKS LIKE THAT SHOULDN'T HAVE SUCH AN INNOCENT-SOUNDING NAME!
BAM
CLATTER


YOU'RE TOO YOUNG.
AWW!

WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO WITH IT, THOUGH?

N-NOW I REALLY WANNA SEE IT!
NOT HAPPEN-ING.
HNGH!
I WANNA KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE!

I'M SURE ITS OWNER WILL BE BACK TO PICK IT UP, SO LET'S KEEP IT IN THE BACK UNTIL THEN.
YEAH...

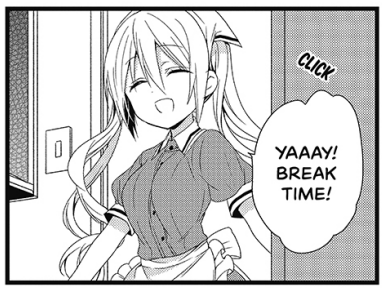

YOU SAW IT, RIGHT, MAIKA-CHAN? WHAT WAS IT LIKE?
WHISPER

One week later
HMM... NO ONE'S ASKED ABOUT IT AT ALL.

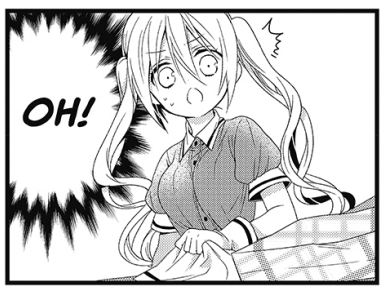
UM, WELL...
THERE WAS A GIRL... WITH CLOTHES...
...TIED UP, AND... THERE WAS...
...S-SWEAT? OR SOME-THING...

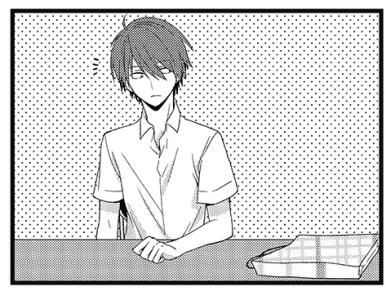
...CONSIDER-ING THE KIND OF BOOK IT IS, I'M NOT SURPRISED.
THOUGH, TO BE HONEST...

UM...
UM...
UM...
FSSSSSSH
SORRY. YOU CAN STOP NOW.

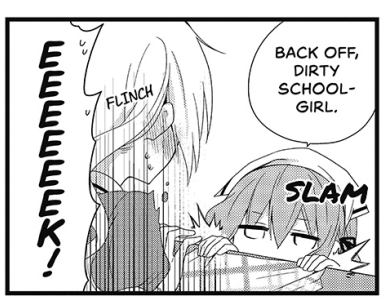

CLICK
YAAAY! BREAK TIME!

SCRAPE
IT'S FINALLY BREAK TIME...


OH!



LET'S SEE HERE...
I'LL ONLY LOOK AT THE COVER... THAT'S FINE, RIGHT?

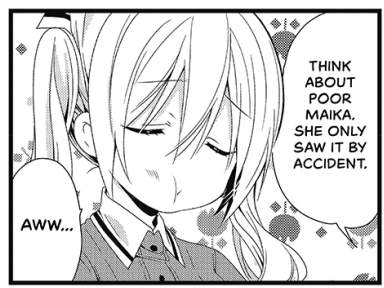

EEEEEEEK!
FLINCH
BACK OFF, DIRTY SCHOOL-GIRL.
SLAM

GAAAAAAH!
CLICK
WE JUST GOT A TON OF ORDERS IN, AKIZUKI-SAN! SORRY, BUT COULD YOU COME BACK?
FLINCH!

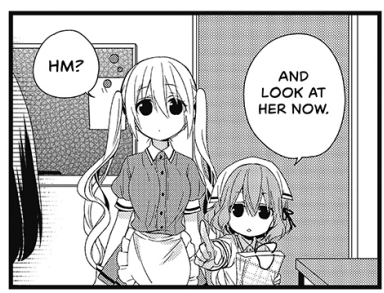
IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE ANYONE'S GONNA COME FOR IT.
I MEAN, WOULD *YOU*?

I JUST CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE, HUH?
BUT IT'S NOT FAIR THAT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO HASN'T SEEN IT! I'M SUPER CURIOUS!

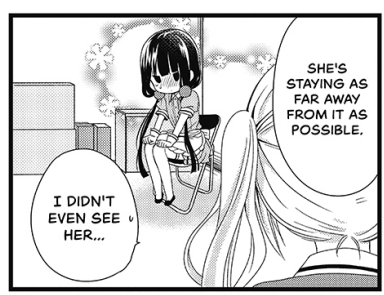
BUT IF WE KEEP IT HERE I'M GONNA GO INSANE!
I'm so curious about it, I can't even focus on work!


THINK ABOUT POOR MAIKA. SHE ONLY SAW IT BY ACCIDENT.
AWW...

IT'S NOT LIKE WE CAN THROW IT AWAY, EITHER. WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
I KNOW!


AND LOOK AT HER NOW.
HM?

WHY DON'T WE ASK ALL OF THE CUSTOMERS ABOUT IT?
ARE YOU SERI-OUS?


SHE'S STAYING AS FAR AWAY FROM IT AS POSSIBLE.
I DIDN'T EVEN SEE HER...

YOU CAN'T ASK THEM THAT!
HUH?
R-REALLY? I'M SORRY!
I'LL TRY SOME-THING A LITTLE LESS DIRECT...
SHOCK

YOU WANNA ASK THEM IF THEY LOST A BOOK LIKE THAT?
Talk about an invasion of privacy.
N-NO, I DIDN'T MEAN IT LIKE THAT!

I'M SORRY TO DISTURB YOU AGAIN.
WHAT IS IT?

WE SHOULD ASK THEM IN A WAY THAT ONLY THE TRUE OWNER WILL UNDER-STAND!
Oh,
I GETCHA.

DO YOU HAVE ANY FANTASIES INVOLVING YOUNG GIRLS IN SAILOR UNIFORMS?
GET BACK HERE!

EXCUSE ME... IF I MAY ASK SOMETHING...

I THINK I CAN GUESS WHAT SORTA STUFF WAS IN THAT BOOK NOW...

DO YOU LIKE BEING TIED UP?
HEY!

EXCUSE ME...
OH, I'M SORRY!
WE'RE ALREADY CLOSED FOR THE DAY...

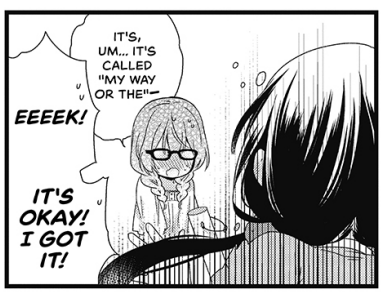
WHY DON'T WE PUT UP A POSTER SAYING WE FOUND A BOOK?
YOU CAN'T JUST SAY "BOOK." NO ONE'LL GET IT.

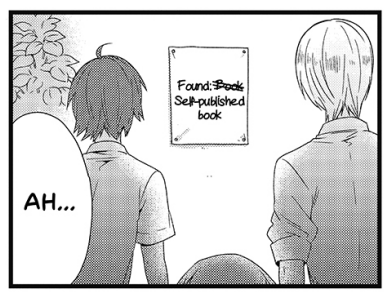
OH, NO, IT'S... I BELIEVE I ACCIDENTALLY LEFT A BOOK HERE THE OTHER DAY.
SO, UM...
WHAT?!

IT'D BE EVEN WORSE TO DESCRIBE THE BOOK, THOUGH.
GIVE THAT HERE A SEC.
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, THEN?

U-UM, C-COULD... COULD YOU PLEASE DESCRIBE... THE BOOK FOR M-ME?
A-A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN LIKE THIS OWNS A BOOK LIKE... LIKE THAT?!
GULP
OH!

SCRIBBLE
Found: ~~Book~~ Self-published book


IT'S, UM... IT'S CALLED "MY WAY OR THE"—
EEEEK!
IT'S OKAY! I GOT IT!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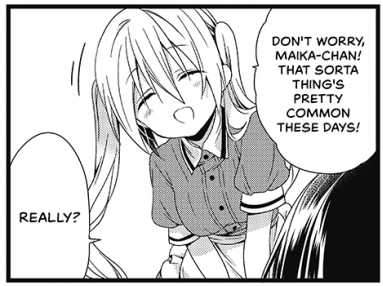
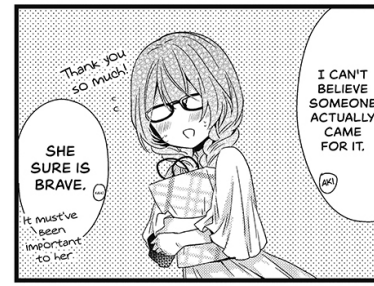
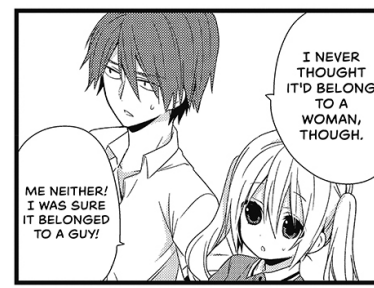
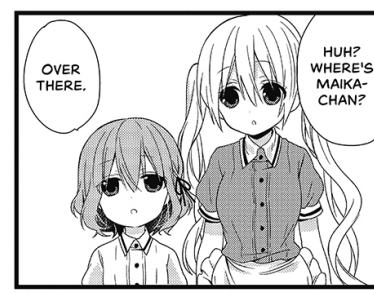

DON'T WORRY, MAIKA-CHAN! THAT SORTA THING'S PRETTY COMMON THESE DAYS!
REALLY?

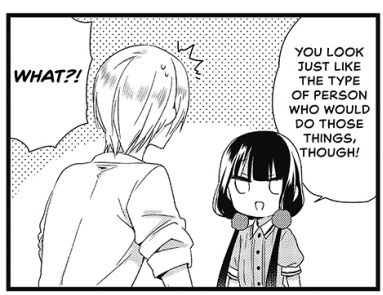

I CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE ACTUALLY CAME FOR IT.
Thank you so much!
SHE SURE IS BRAVE.
It must've been important to her

THERE ARE A LOT MORE YOUNG AND FASHION-ABLE FEMALE OTAKU AROUND NOWADAYS.
SOME OF THEM COULD EVEN BE MODELS.
Doujinshi
anime
YES! THAT'S RIGHT!

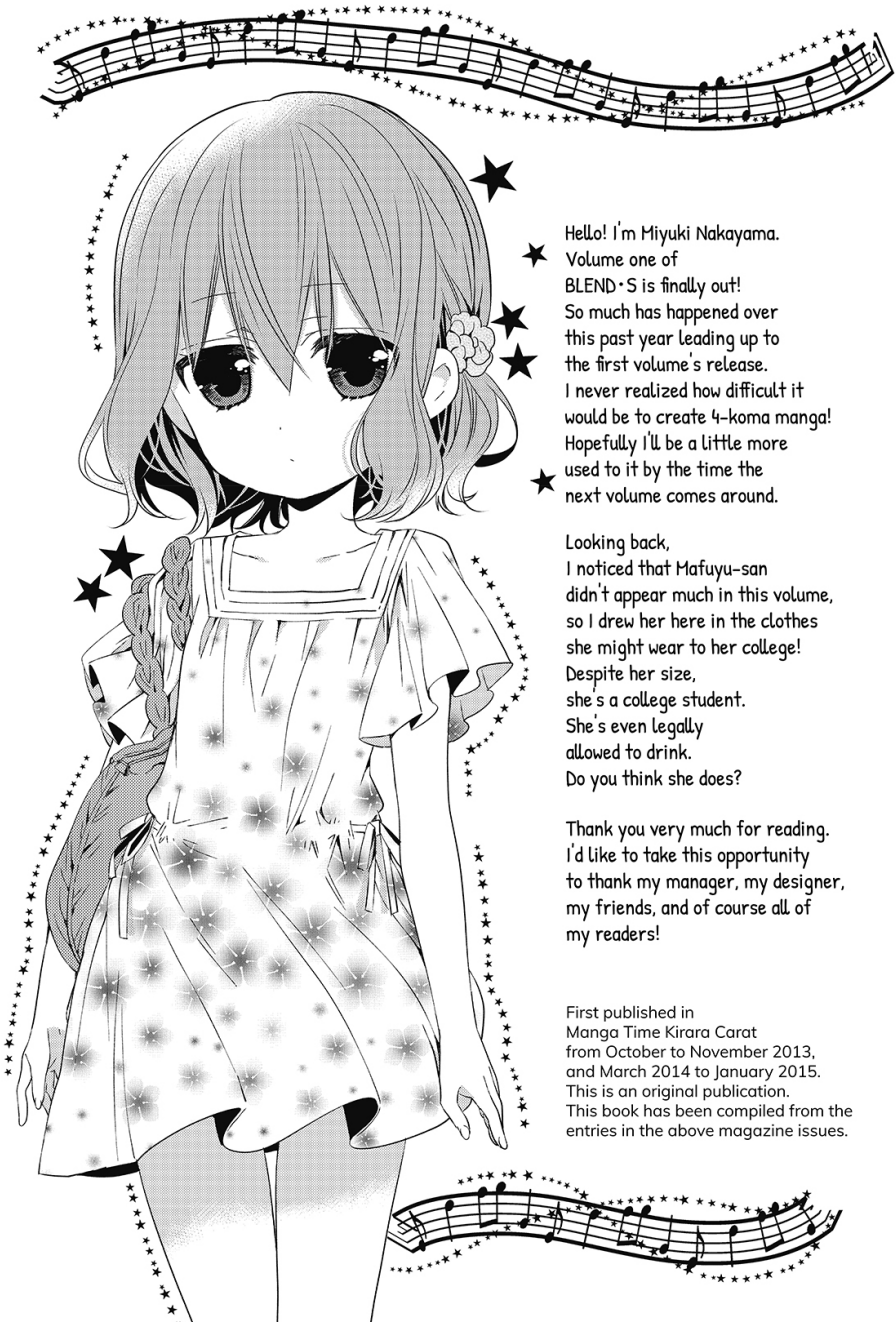

I NEVER THOUGHT IT'D BELONG TO A WOMAN, THOUGH.
ME NEITHER! I WAS SURE IT BELONGED TO A GUY!

I ALSO GO TO A LOT OF CONVEN-TIONS!
AND I EVEN BUY A LOT OF DOUJINSHI!


HUH? WHERE'S MAIKA-CHAN?
OVER THERE.


YOU LOOK JUST LIKE THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO WOULD DO THOSE THINGS, THOUGH!
WHAT?!

THAT SHOCKING REALITY REALLY DID A NUMBER ON HER.
CURL
SHE'S WAY TOO PURE.



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Volume one of
BLEND・S is finally out!
So much has happened over
this past year leading up to
the first volume's release.
I never realized how difficult it
would be to create 4-koma manga!
Hopefully I'll be a little more
used to it by the time the
next volume comes around.

Looking back,
I noticed that Mafuyu-san
didn't appear much in this volume,
so I drew her here in the clothes
she might wear to her college!
Despite her size,
she's a college student.
She's even legally
allowed to drink.
Do you think she does?

Thank you very much for reading.
I'd like to take this opportunity
to thank my manager, my designer,
my friends, and of course all of
my readers!

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